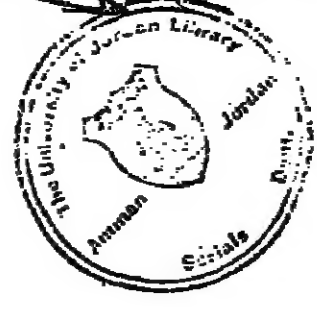


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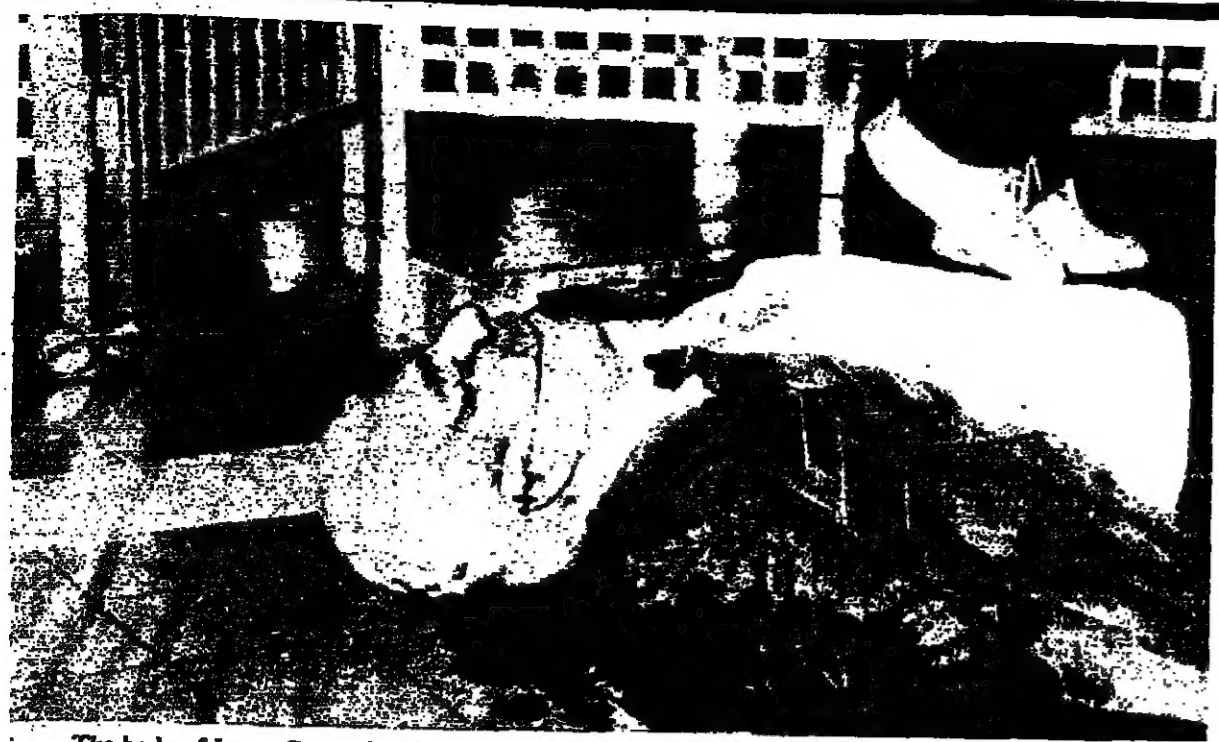
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The body of Issam Sartawi, PLO observer to the Socialist International conference in Portugal, lies in a pool of blood after he was shot by an unidentified gunman in the hotel where the congress is taking place. (UPI telephoto)

PLO moderate Sartawi shot dead at Socialist congress

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Issam Sartawi, probably the most outspoken moderate in the Palestine Liberation Organization and a long-standing proponent of dialogue with Israelis, was shot dead in Portugal yesterday.

The gunman, who pumped six bullets into Sartawi at point-blank range in the lobby of a hotel in the coastal resort of Albufeira, where the PLO leader was attending the 18th Socialist International meeting, managed to escape. Security was tightened at all borders as the Portuguese police sought the killer.

A foreign citizen with a forged Moroccan passport was arrested last night by the Portuguese police in connection with the assassination, Portuguese television said. The man was arrested in Lisbon, and his identity and real citizenship are not known, the report said. The police



Issam Sartawi

refused to confirm the arrest. Reliable sources in Lisbon also reported that a Columbian citizen with a press card was questioned by the local police about the assassination. Emilio Carrera was seen talking to Sartawi on Saturday night, the sources said.

Responsibility for the killing was claimed immediately by the radical

PLO-breakaway group headed by Sabri al-Banna (Abu Nidal), which has been connected with the slaying of other PLO moderates in Europe, as well as with the attempted murder of Israel Ambassador Shlomo Argov in London last June.

In a communique issued in Damascus, the Abu Nidal group expressed its "pleasure" in communicating its "success" in implementing the death sentence towards a criminal and a traitor, denouncing Sartawi as "a cheap servant of the CIA, Mossad and British intelligence."

It was not clear whether the attack on Sartawi had been timed with the diplomatic efforts to bring Jordan into the Middle East peace process, perhaps as a warning against any PLO or Arab move to give King Hussein a mandate to negotiate on the Palestinians' behalf.

Al-Banna broke away from PLO (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Hussein says 'no' to talks now — but leaves his options open

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter

Jordan yesterday announced that it would not at this time enter the Middle East peace negotiations — either "separately" or "in lieu of anyone else."

In an announcement following a three-hour cabinet meeting chaired by King Hussein, Jordan stressed, however, that it remains committed to the idea that the peace initiative launched by President Ronald Reagan last September, while lacking certain elements contained in the plan adopted at the Arab summit in Fez a few days later, "presented the vehicle that could propel the Fez plan forward."

The failure of Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to secure PLO support for this strategy, the announcement indicated, had led Jordan to conclude that it would be best left to "the PLO and the Palestinian people to choose their ways and means for the salvation of themselves and their land, and for the realization of their declared aims in the manner they see fit."

Jordan, for its part, "having refused from the beginning to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians, will neither act separately nor in lieu of anyone else in Middle East peace negotiations."

The Jordanian announcement, which followed five months of intensive dialogue with the PLO, would appear to have put paid for the time being to the Reagan initiative, its revival would depend on a reappraisal of their position by the PLO and the Arab world in general,

possibly coupled with more convincing signals from Washington concerning its willingness to press Israel to relinquish its hold on occupied Arab lands.

Scepticism about Washington's intentions in this regard appears to have played a considerable part in both Hussein's and Arafat's failure to secure sufficient support from Saudi Arabia and other Arab states for their strategy, in the face of the powerful opposition put up by Syria and its fellow rejectionists.

The State Department's hint last Friday that it would attempt to bring such pressure to bear on Israel, should Jordan join the peace process, appears to have been found too little and too late.

There was a perceptible note of angry frustration in the Jordanian announcement yesterday at Arafat's failure to "sell" the PLO an arrangement that had apparently been worked out in Amman earlier this month.

"Together with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat," the announcement continued, "we laid the final draft of our agreement, which required us and Mr. Arafat to have immediate contacts with Arab leaders to inform them of its contents, seeking their blessing and support for the agreement."

Last Tuesday, Arafat left Jordan for Kuwait with the apparent intention of seeking such support. At the same time moves were initiated by Morocco to convene an Arab summit in Morocco later this month.

Hussein and Arafat, the announcement revealed, had "agreed to form a joint stand capable of pursuing political action which, with

Arab support, could take advantage of the available opportunity to liberate our people, land and above all, Arab Jerusalem."

They had also agreed "to start immediately, joint political action on the Arab level to secure Arab support that would contribute enormously to the realization of the common goal of liberating the lands and people under occupation, thus fulfilling our duty to work in all possible ways and to take advantage of every possible opportunity to achieve our aims."

The announcement continued, "five days later, a delegate was sent by the PLO chairman to Amman, to convey to us new ideas and to propose a new course of action that differed from our agreement and that did not give priority to saving the land, thus sending us back to where we were in October 1982."

"In the light of this, it became evident that we cannot proceed with the course of political action which we had planned together and to which we had agreed in principle and in details, in answer to our historic responsibility to take the opportunities made available by Arab and international initiatives and save our land and people."

The announcement did not spell out precisely what this agreement was, but it clearly entailed some form of action based on a synthesis of the Reagan and Fez plans, probably to have been endorsed at the proposed Arab summit in Morocco later this month.

Looking to the immediate future, the announcement made it plain that, while Jordan ruled out any move to join the peace process in

the region, it found itself "more concerned than anybody else to confront the *de facto* annexation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which forces us to take all steps necessary to safeguard our national security in all its dimensions."

The latter statement led to some speculation in the Persian Gulf last night that Hussein may seek to close the Jordan bridges — but there was no indication from Amman that this is in fact, in the offing.

Meanwhile, two of Arafat's closest aides, Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) and Hani al-Hassan, reportedly left Amman yesterday to brief Arafat on the outcome of their talks with Hussein — and presumably also on the contents of the cabinet announcement.

There was no official comment from the PLO on the Jordanian announcement, which has raised several questions about the organization's future course, and particularly its relationship with Jordan.

'Jordan will get U.S. arms if it talks peace'

NEW YORK. — The U.S. administration has promised that Jordan will receive an arms package including F-16 and F-20 fighters and Hawk mobile missiles with "no strings attached" as a reward for joining the Middle East peace process, reports *Newsweek* in its latest issue.

The magazine reports that the administration plans to persuade Congress to back the deal, arguing that Jordan needs arms to offset the Soviet arms buildup in Syria.

PLO radicals kept Jordan from peace talks — Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday blamed "radical elements" in the Palestine Liberation Organization for Jordan's refusal to join the Middle East peace talks. But he said great progress has been made and he remains hopeful an agreement can be worked out.

As he arrived at the White House with Secretary of State George Shultz after a weekend at Camp David, Reagan told reporters he had just spoken by telephone to King Hussein and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and would be talking to other heads of state in the Middle East.

"Some radical elements of the PLO have introduced changes in the proposals that have been made and the policy we have been trying to follow," Reagan said as he disembarked from his helicopter. "Those changes are unacceptable to King Hussein, they're unacceptable to King Fahd, they're unacceptable to me."

"I am going to be in touch with other Arab leaders about this." "We feel that the changes that were suggested would impede the efforts that we have been making toward a negotiated peace," Reagan said. "Peace for Israel, peace for all of the countries there."

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry circles would not react last night to the Jordanian statement. However they recalled that Israel had all along described it as an absurdity for any Arab state to give a veto to the PLO on its entry into negotiations with Israel, or to pin such an entry upon a non-existent pan-Arab approval.

Cabinet reacts bitterly to U.S. statement on settlement

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

For the second time in 10 days Israel has reacted bitterly to a U.S. statement concerning the Middle East peace process. After the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday, officials spoke of ministerial "anger and regret" at the U.S. State Department spokesman's indication on the weekend that Washington would use pressure to secure a West Bank settlement freeze if Jordan's King Hussein joins the peace talks.

The Americans were "looking for an excuse" to account for the collapse of the Reagan initiative, the officials said.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted as telling the cabinet that the U.S. statement was a transparent attempt to woo Hussein — but that it would probably fail since

(Continued on back page)

Peres, Socialist leaders pay tribute

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, in Portugal to attend the 18th Socialist International meeting, yesterday joined other delegates in paying a minute of silent tribute to Issam Sartawi.

Peres, who had waged a successful fight to deny Sartawi delegate status at the International, condemned his assassination as "criminal."

"The target of the assassin was peace and understanding," Peres told delegates, noting that "as a human being and as a socialist I cannot help but condemn any act of violence of this kind."

Portuguese Socialist leader Mario Soares, who is host of the congress, sent a message of condolence to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, condemning Sartawi's "cowardly assassination."

The Sartawi killing profoundly embarrassed the organizers, who had officially invited the PLO. Because

of the Israeli objections, Sartawi attended with a badge identifying him only as a "liaison representative."

Socialist International general-secretary Berni Carlson said, "Sartawi was my friend, and now he's gone."

Former West German chancellor Willy Brandt, who was re-elected president of the Socialist International, said Sartawi was another victim of the "violence that has been poisoning the Middle East for decades. He was killed possibly or probably because he represented negotiation."

In Vienna, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who had conferred with Sartawi on several occasions, said the PLO had lost "one of its wisest and most courageous men."

The delegates were wrapping up a four-day meeting by approving a communique that, among other things, called for Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians to negotiate. (Related stories, page 3)

1 dead, 3 hurt in attacks on IDF

Post Defence Correspondent

One Israeli soldier was killed and three others were injured in six attacks on IDF targets in South Lebanon yesterday — the highest single-day total in months.

Samal-Rishon North Eshkol, 21, (Kibbutz Netzer Sireh) was killed when the vehicle in which he was travelling overturned after being attacked at Kabir Shamoun, southeast of Beirut. He will be buried at the kibbutz at 4 p.m. today.

Military experts said yesterday that while it was clear that planning did go into yesterday's attacks, there is no indication that they were coordinated or perpetrated by the same organization.

In the first of the attacks, a tank over a mine on a sandy road near Kafir Shima early yesterday morning. There were no casualties

but the tank was damaged. At 7 a.m., an explosion rocked the road south of Damour minutes after an IDF patrol had driven past. There were no casualties.

At 8:45 a.m., the first of two armoured personnel carriers was hit by an explosion at Kabir Shamoun, wounding two soldiers. The second vehicle overturned while trying to position itself to deal with the explosion, killing Eshkol and wounding another soldier.

At 9 a.m., small-arms fire was directed at a convoy of Israeli trucks near Galerie Saman, on the outskirts of Beirut. The fire apparently came from a high building at some distance from the trucks. There were no casualties. At 11 a.m., three soldiers were slightly wounded when an explosive charge went off near two buses carrying soldiers returning from leave. The

wounded received first aid. A few minutes later, two IDF vehicles were attacked with small arms fire about a kilometre north of the Zaharani River junction. At 12:30 p.m. there was a second attack near the Zaharani. There were no casualties in either attack.

Military sources surmise that the attacks in the Zaharani area were carried out by one group, which probably retreated to the Beirut area after the attacks.

The IDF has stepped up its presence in certain areas where the experts predict heightened terror activity, given the improved weather, and the steady infiltration of PLO arms and personnel into areas adjacent to Israeli control.

An underground group which has claimed responsibility for almost all the attacks on the IDF said yesterday that it was behind yesterday's attacks. A statement from the Lebanese National Resistance which was broadcast by the left-wing Voice of Arab Lebanon radio station claimed that 20 Israelis had been killed or wounded in the attacks.

Exports take nose-dive, \$100m. lost in one month

Post Economic Reporter

Jerusalem economic circles yesterday expressed shock at the arch export figures, which show "unprecedented downward trend," senior official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the economy earned about \$100 million less in March than it did in February.

Exports in March, according to Central Bureau of Statistics, were \$444m, as compared to \$572m in February 1982. A spokesman of the Ministry of Industry and Trade said that the March decline was a continuation of recent trends.

The only branch of the economy which held its own was diamonds: metal and electronics exports were particularly hard, down 35.7 per cent; food exports declined 28 per cent; wood and paper 30 per cent; textiles 14.2 per cent. Ministry spokesmen said that the

new economic measures decided on recently, involving support for exporters funded by the recently imposed levy on foreign-currency purchases, would remedy the situation.

Industry representatives reportedly told Finance Minister Yoram Aridor that the measures were insufficient, whereupon the finance minister retorted that if \$175m. were of no help, he would cancel the measures, as it was a shame to waste money.

Industry and Trade Ministry spokesmen conceded, however, that they would be watching the world market and that further steps to support the exporters might be necessary. Ministry sources noted that in March, 1982, there had been a large sale of aircraft, and this explained the decline in metal industry exports.

Jews in Israel and Diaspora mark Holocaust anniversary

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jews around the world yesterday mourned the victims of the Holocaust and paid tribute to the fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto on the 40th anniversary of their uprising. (Report on Page 3)

In ceremonies for Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day all over the country, wreaths were laid as Israelis recalled Jewry's darkest hour. At the main ceremony at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Menachem Begin warned that the lesson of the Holocaust, was that threats against the Jewish People should be taken seriously.

In Warsaw, Poland's Catholic primate Cardinal Jozef Glemp described the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto as "one of the world's greatest tragedies."

Ceremonies marking the anniversary of the ghetto uprising started yesterday. The cardinal was addressing a packed congregation in St. Augustine's Church, the only building left standing in the ghetto after it was reduced to rubble in 1943.

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COPENHAGEN	2	8	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	5	10	Cloudy
GENEVA	11	20	Cloudy
HELSINKI	5	10	Cloudy
HONG KONG	20	28	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	14	20	Cloudy
LONDON	8	14	Cloudy
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PARIS	8	17	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	24	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	24	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	6	13	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	66	7-15	16
Golan	60	6-17	17
Nabariya	65	6-19	20
Safed	63	6-14	15
Hofa Port	82	15-19	20
Nazareth	47	10-24	24
Afula	57	8-20	21
Shatrunj	69	10-17	18
Tel Aviv	64	13-20	21
B-G Airport	56	11-20	21
Jericho	41	10-24	25
Gaza	70	15-19	20
Beersheva	43	7-21	22
Tripoli	23	13-27	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A reception in recognition of WIZO world president Raya Jaglom's receiving the Croix de Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite was held recently at the home of Rachel and Mordechai Limon.

Leader of Israel's Iraqi community dies

TEL AVIV. — Sasson Nawi, a leader of the local Iraqi community, died at the Assuta Hospital yesterday after a long illness. He was 77. Nawi was active in organizing the mass exodus from Iraq to Israel in the 1950s, and was a founding member of the Association of Iraqi Jews in Israel. He is survived by his wife, a son and four daughters. Minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat will deliver the eulogy at the funeral at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery at 1 p.m. today.

SHAKESPEARE. — Teachers may borrow from IBM free of charge a 90-minute video or 16mm film version of *Ian McKellen Acts Shakespeare* by calling 03-618848.

OLD AGE. — An old-age centre called Beit Sarah will open on Wednesday in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter.

IT IS WRITTEN

"I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.
 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.
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HOME NEWS

MDs, gov't in 12-minute meeting

By MARGERY GREENFELD
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak called yesterday's 12-minute meeting between the Treasury and the striking doctors a "turning point" in the wage talks, and predicted that the negotiations would be successfully concluded "by the end of the week."

But Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who attended the meeting before his departure for the U.S. early this morning, did not share Shostak's optimism.

"I cannot predict how long the negotiations will take, since the doctors have not lowered their fantastic wage demands," Aridor said after the meeting. "I repeat again: The Treasury will not deviate from the 22-per-cent limit on wage rises set by the collective wage agreement."

Nor did representatives of the Israel Medical Association appear to join in the health minister's upbeat reading of the situation. "Real negotiations haven't even started,"

yet," IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai said after the brief meeting.

"This is not the first time we've presented these figures; it's basically the same salary tables we submitted at the start of the wage talks one year ago, and at our last meeting 10 days ago," Ishai said.

Yesterday the doctors presented figures and the Treasury requested time to "study" them. Sources close to the talks expect contacts to be resumed later today or tomorrow.

The doctors' proposals yesterday were consistent with their position throughout the 41-day strike — pegging a resident's basic starting salary at the average national wage (IS26,000), with the senior doctors' basic wage approximately twice that figure. This does not include seniority benefits on the January cost-of-living rise.

The doctors also demanded shortening their work week from 45 hours to 36 hours, bringing their working hours in line with those of nurses, X-ray technicians and other workers in the health field.

But Aridor labelled these demands "fantastic" and said that meeting them would cost the nation some IS15 billion net. Moreover, any deviation from the collective wage agreement would bring immediate demands from other groups of workers for similar rises, he said.

To bolster this contention, Aridor read out a cable from the chairman of the Histadrut Sick Fund paramedical workers' association, warning that the group's 25,000 members would fight to preserve their "linkage" with any gains the doctors might achieve.

It was unclear what prompted Shostak to express "satisfaction" that the meeting, while short, put us on the right track.

"Now that we know that the central issue in the conflict is the basic salary, we can deal with the question efficiently and wind up the negotiations on this point by the end of the week," he told reporters after the meeting's abrupt ending.

"Mr. Aridor can rest easy that the negotiations will continue smoothly in his absence," Shostak declared.



Rosenne approved for U.S. posting

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The cabinet yesterday gave its formal consent, as expected, to the appointment of Meir Rosenne as ambassador to Washington.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin added his personal backing to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's recommendation — and this ensured that the appointment was endorsed.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens, the former ambassador to Washington, made a last-ditch stand for his preferred candidate, his deputy chief of mission Binyamin Netanyahu. But most ministers felt Netanyahu, 35, was too young for the post.

Shamir, praising Netanyahu's qualities, pointed out that the job in Washington was more important than any ambassadorship elsewhere.

Rosenne is ambassador to Paris. Sources in the Foreign Ministry say his replacement there — if the post goes to a professional diplomat and not a political appointee — is likely to be Eliahu Ben-Horin, a former ambassador to the EEC.

Navon, Herzog confer on inauguration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon and President-elect Chaim Herzog this afternoon are to hold their first briefing session at Beit Hamassi in Jerusalem in preparation for Herzog's inauguration on May 5. Afterwards the president-elect and Mrs. Aura Herzog are to view a film in the Knesset of Navon's inauguration five years ago.

The Herzogs returned last week from a private holiday in Switzerland, Southern France and New York. They went abroad two days after Herzog's upset election in the Knesset.

Family of five hurt as car hits horse

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Five members of a family were injured, three of them seriously, on Saturday night when their car hit a horse.

The family's Alfa Romeo was travelling from north to south along the old coastal road when at the Tel Mond intersection a horse darted out of a citrus grove and galloped onto the road. The car killed the horse and drove off the road.

SARTAWI KILLED

(Continued from Page One)

Chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah organization in 1975. He has taken an uncompromising rejectionist stand on any attempt to face Israel other than on the battlefield, and has consistently denounced Arafat and his fellow pragmatists in the PLO as "traitors" for even contemplating a possible accommodation with the Israelis in a partitioned Palestine.

His group is believed to have been responsible for the murder of several PLO representatives in Europe in recent years, all of them closely identified with Arafat and his diplomatic strategy vis-a-vis Israel. These included Said Hammami in London in January 1978, Ezzeddine Kalak in Paris later the same year, and Naim Khader in Brussels in June 1981.

But by far the best known and most outspoken proponent of moderation within the PLO in recent years has been Sartawi.

A member of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the PLO's top decision-making body, the U.S.-educated cardiologist had consistently spoken out in favour of some form of mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians, and has met over the years with several prominent Israeli left-wingers — including Arie Eliav, Uri Avnery and Matityahu Peled.

He was the subject of an acrimonious controversy at last February's PNC meeting in Algiers, when he stormed out after being denied the podium to express his views.

Sartawi said afterwards that he had intended asking the PNC to consider outright recognition of Israel, and altering the Palestine National Charter to eliminate its call for the dismantling of Israel — proposals which had "horrified" PNC President Khaled al-Fahoum and which were clearly anathema to many besides the PLO's radical rejectionists.

HISTADRUT

(Continued from Page One)

cent of the sick-fund's budget, giving the government some leverage. But yesterday's decision gives a formal seal of approval to the quiet talks which the Histadrut and the doctors have been holding for some time.

The committee also instructed the sick-fund to try to work out an arrangement to reactivate its clinics.

Medical Association spokesman Dr. Shmuel Friedman said last night that the association is willing to negotiate with any authorized body to bring the strike to a rapid end. But he dismissed the idea of a separate agreement between the Histadrut and the sick fund's doctors.

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Eyewitnesses described the killer as young, slim and athletic-looking, wearing a blue suit and glasses.

A German delegate in the lobby said Sartawi was standing at the reception desk of the Hotel Montchoro, talking with his secretary, Anwar Abu Eiseh, "when this man in a light suit walked in with the gun up. He fired, turned and ran out the door."

Zionist executive raps new Soviet body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Executive of the World Zionist Organization has denounced the establishment of a Soviet committee, which includes prominent Russian Jews to speak out against Israel and Zionism, the organization announced yesterday.

The Executive said the formation of the committee was an attempt to "use" Jews to justify anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda. The committee's declaration against Israel and aliya, it continued, was worded in a "cynical and vulgar" manner and "seems to have been inspired by the fictitious Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

Tel Aviv woman held for spying

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 35-year-old local woman, arrested on suspicion of spying and contact with an enemy agent abroad was remanded last month for a further 15 days. The details of the case were released for publication only last night.

Burja Green has previously been hospitalized in a psychiatric ward and the magistrate court judge ordered that she be examined in the Bat Yam hospital during her remand.

The woman denied the charges, claiming she had been "drugged, held incommunicado, and" beaten by her interrogators.

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FILM — The Fund for Quality Films

is to increase its financial support for movies with original and outstanding plots, to \$100,000 a film, compared with \$60,000 at present, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education and Culture said yesterday.

Chief rabbis promise to condemn violence

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

The two chief rabbis yesterday promised Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek that they would issue a call against violence in the capital.

Kolek had called on Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, who were elected last month, to ask them to use their influence to prevent violence by religious zealots and by religious-nationalist elements. Jerusalem Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashash and Yitzhak Ralbag, chairman of the Jerusalem Religious Council, were also at the meeting.

Less than a week later Kolek had a similar meeting with leaders in East Jerusalem to complain about rock-throwing by Arab youths. The Arab representatives in turn complained about the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva in Rehov Hagai in the Moslem Quarter of the Old City.

At yesterday's meeting with the rabbis, Kolek asked them to press the yeshiva to stop what he called "anti-religious activities" by its students.

He cited "rock-throwing, night-time disturbances, and harassment of neighbours" by the yeshiva students, and the rabbis agreed that "something must be done to move the yeshiva out of the Old City."

Since Kolek's meeting with Arab leaders from the Moslem Quarter

and its yeshiva neighbours, there has been no stone-throwing on Rehov Hagai, police sources said yesterday. The police arrested eight students last week during a stone-throwing melee with Arab neighbours. They are now out on bail, awaiting trial.

A police source said that in Shuaifat, where stone-throwing had become more normal than abnormal, "there would be a large police presence in the coming weeks."

Last week Kolek's advisor on Arab affairs, Maurice Zilka, met with Arab leaders in Shuaifat, who agreed to speak out against the stone-throwing.

Kolek wants residents of Arab neighbourhoods in Jerusalem to form a kind of Civil Guard to prevent stone-throwing, and to report to the police about disturbances such as those that occurred last week at the yeshiva.

According to a city spokesman, a U.S. rabbi raises funds for the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva, and yesterday the chief rabbis said they would contact him and ask him to stop the unruly behaviour, or cut off funds.

In a related development, 67-year-old Fatma Abu Malysa, who was last week beaten unconscious — allegedly by students at the

yeshiva — has regained consciousness at El-Mukassas Hospital in East Jerusalem. The police have taken testimony from her husband Ibrahim, who said he did not see the attackers, and from neighbours.

Kolek criticized former rabbinical leaders, who he said failed to use their position to speak out on the subject of violence. He praised Rabbi Mashash as "the only rabbi to condemn the grenade attack on the Peace Now demonstration in February."

The mayor referred to violence by ultra-Orthodox Jews in Mea Shearim, Geula, and Bukharan Quarter areas of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Mashash yesterday issued a proclamation calling for "an end to violence in our city," and saying that "no end justifies such means."

Observers pointed out that many inhabitants of Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods, some of whom are suspected of being involved in recent stone-throwing incidents, do not recognize the authority of the rabbis who met with Kolek. There has not been any recent statement condemning violence from these quarters, it was noted.

Last night, however, the secretary of the ultra-Orthodox Eda Haredit group, Shai Sheinberger, was due to

visit Hebrew University Professor Uzi Ritte in hospital. Ritte was reported to be improving last night in Ein Karen's Hadassah Hospital. He was injured nine days ago when his car was stoned in Jerusalem's Geula quarter, and suffered head wounds and concussion.

Police are planning to deploy a large presence at today's 5 p.m. demonstration on Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, which has been organized by some of Ritte's friends to protest zealot violence and religious coercion. Among the scheduled speakers are Kolek and poet Yehuda Amichai. Prof. Ephraim Urbach, president of the Academy of Sciences, has sent a message of support.

A stone thrown from the vicinity of the Arab village of Abu Ghosh yesterday hit a police patrol car on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, shattering the car's windshield.

The two policemen inside the car were not hurt and immediately began searching the area.

Police noted that it was the first stone-throwing along the highway from the nearby village, which has long had a reputation of friendliness to its Jewish neighbours.

"It could have just been some kids who got carried away," said a police source. "Kids are like that, you know."

Teachers striking 2 hours, delay more drastic action

By LEA LEVAVI
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Teachers will walk out of their classrooms today for two hours, beginning at 11 a.m., but have promised not to take any other job actions this week to give the Knesset Education Committee a chance to try to settle their dispute.

At a meeting yesterday between representatives of the two teachers' unions and the Ministry of Education, it was decided that every effort would be made to bring Education and Finance Ministry officials together to work out a timetable for implementing the Eziyon Commission recommendations.

These recommendations, approved by the cabinet in January 1981, call for higher pay for teachers, smaller classes, improved working conditions and other changes designed to improve the status of the teaching profession.

This morning's two-hour work

stoppage affects kindergarten through teachers' college. It is a joint effort of the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association. Representatives of both unions will hold a press conference this morning to announce their future plans.

Charles Hoffman adds: Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer told the Education Committee that the ministry and the Treasury would attempt to work out clear-cut proposals for wage increases for the teachers within a week. High-level discussions between the ministry and the Treasury since last week on this matter evidently failed to produce agreement.

Hammer plans to meet as soon as possible with Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, who is standing in for the absent Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, and with senior officials of both ministries to work out wage proposals to present to the teachers.

High Court rules in favour of VAT in the territories

The High Court of Justice yesterday ruled that the military government may levy value added tax from residents of the administered territories.

The court said that there was no absolute prohibition on the imposition of new taxes in a conquered territory, and that this could be done if economics and security called for it and if the money levied is used solely for welfare of the residents of the conquered territory.

Legal observers noted that this decision set an important precedent in international law and the rules of warfare.

The court also ordered the appellants from the West Bank and Gaza to pay \$50,000 to the State Attorney's Office in legal expenses.

Appearing against the 1976 imposition of VAT in the administered areas, a number of inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza argued that the Hague and Geneva conventions forbade military governments from imposing new taxes in conquered areas. The imposition of VAT in the West Bank and Gaza was illegal, they said.

The State Attorney's Office, presenting the military government's case, argued that VAT was imposed in the territories in 1976 at the same time as in Israel proper, to avoid harm to the economic relations between Israel and the territories. The State added that the fact that the appellants appealed to the High Court only in 1981 showed they had in fact resigned themselves to the new tax.

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Nation mourns six million Holocaust victims

By ERNIE MEYER
and Jerusalem Post Staff

A major lesson of the Holocaust is that all threats against Jews, such as those in the sorry days of Nazi Germany, must always be taken seriously.

This warning was sounded yesterday by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, addressing the Remembrance Day wreath-laying ceremony at Yad Vashem.

In a departure from past years the entire cabinet attended the ceremony, which also marked the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Year of Heroism.

"This is a reawakening to the importance of the Holocaust, a reaction to anti-Semitism masquerading as anti-Zionism, and the denial of Auschwitz," said Yosef Poltys, chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the Organization of Former Nazi Prisoners.

The first wreath was that of the president of the state, followed by that of the government, the Knesset, the Israel Defence Forces and organizations of partisans and concentration camp survivors.

The total of 90 floral offerings reflected a cross-section of the entire nation.

A Polish Righteous Gentile, Vladislav Bartoshevski placed the wreath of his country's Zagota anti-Nazi fighters' organization on the Warsaw Ghetto revolt monument at Mount Herzl.

Silver medals were awarded to 12 survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Yad Vashem Council chairman Gideon Hausner told them: "This is the highest distinction the Jewish people, through Yad Vashem, can bestow on you."

But half of the survivors declined the medals. Led by ghetto-fighter Simha Rotem, they declared



Prime Minister Menachem Begin speaks at the Holocaust memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem yesterday.

themselves dissatisfied with the Yad Vashem honour, saying they wanted government medals. They had also asked that the relatives of the many fallen be honoured. Yad Vashem chairman Yitzhak Arad told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We told them that, regrettably, we can give only what we have."

Last night some 20,000 people took part in the closing rally at Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot which was founded by ghetto survivors.

President Yitzhak Navon, the main speaker, said that even today the world is asking itself how the German people, who were at the height of their creativity, had allowed themselves to be turned into "wild beasts."

"We, on the other hand, belong

to those nations who honour the life of every human being, regardless of colour, race or nationality, because all of us were created in the image of God," the president said.

The memorial siren brought Israel to a standstill for two minutes yesterday morning. At Ben-Gurion Airport all work stopped, and security men ceased checking luggage, explaining the meaning of the siren to tourists.

The schools around the country dedicated lessons to the Holocaust, and children watched TV programmes and heard radio broadcasts on the Holocaust.

"We must continue in the path of Mordechai Anielewicz," said Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer at a memorial ceremony at

Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, which was named for the hero of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. It should be remembered, continued Hammer, that Anielewicz was outside territory controlled by the Nazis when he decided to return to fight.

The central committee of the Histadrut held a special meeting at Beit Lohamei Hagetaot. Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel said that in remembering the Holocaust, "we raise the banner of democracy." It was decided that the Histadrut will organize annual tours for workers, youth and tourists to Holocaust memorial sites.

Several cafe owners in Eilat and Tiberias ignored Holocaust Day yesterday and stayed open for business.

Mekorot dispute could spell winter rains down the drain

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Yesterday's declaration by Mekorot water company employees of a work dispute could lead to disruptions in the water supply to most parts of the country in two weeks.

Mekorot's national works committee chairman Shmuel Kelem told *The Jerusalem Post* that the workers intend stopping the flow of water from the Kinneret into the national water carrier. He was speaking after the extraordinary meeting of the committee yesterday at which the decision to declare a work dispute was taken.

The immediate effect of the proposed sanctions would be the loss of the Kinneret overflow, which is particularly heavy following the winter rains. The Kinneret overflow, which would normally be pumped into national water-carrier wells in the south of the country, would flow instead into the Dead Sea, going to waste.

Further sanctions could disrupt

the water supply to most homes and could affect the agricultural irrigation season which begins at the end of the month.

The workers are directing their anger at Ya'acov Gadish of the Ministry of Finance who, they say, persuaded Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich to put out all water development projects to public tender. According to an agreement reached between the workers and management several years ago, only 15 per cent of water development projects can be tendered, with the rest assigned to Binui Uptuah, a daughter company of Mekorot.

The workers claim that the new step is illegal and contravenes a written agreement.

Kelem told *The Post* that the workers will take their case to the courts if necessary. He said he believed the move was masterminded by Herut officials at the Finance Ministry who are trying to undermine ministries like the Agriculture Ministry that are staffed by Liberals.

Egypt offers help for Hassan Bek

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egypt has offered to send two architects to help renovate the Hassan Bek Mosque in Jaffa, the minaret of which collapsed nine days ago. The Egyptians have also offered the equivalent of IS15 million towards the cost of the work.

Government officials told *The Jerusalem Post* that it was not yet certain that the Egyptian offer, made through the Jaffa Wakf, will be accepted.

The government has already ruled out a Jordanian cash offer and what it termed "donations from

hostile organizations."

The officials said that the "hostile organizations" would contribute only small sums and would gain publicity from these contributions. Arab affairs officials are to meet today to discuss the renovation of the mosque, estimated at some IS40m.

On Saturday, Moslem leaders are scheduled to meet in Shfaram in Galilee to consider asking the government to place the assets of Arabs who left Israel in the War of Independence, under the control of Moslem religious authorities. The assets are administered by the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Court upholds dismissal of El Al pilots

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Jerusalem District Court yesterday upheld the 28 dismissal notices sent to El Al pilots. The airline's staff committee had returned seven of the 28 notices to management to make a test case in the court.

Judge Eliahu Noam said the com-

mittee had no legal authority and instructed El Al's temporary receiver to take appropriate action against staffers who break regulations in the dispute.

The temporary receiver, Amram Blum, had requested the court's ruling after the pilots returned the seven dismissal notices.

The 28 pilots are among the 650 permanent and 300 temporary workers being laid off in an effort to revive the company economically. (Some 440 workers quit last week.)

TREES — The Tel Aviv municipality this week began pruning branches from some 650 old trees lining the city's 20 main thoroughfares.

'Sartawi told me murderers were after his life,' Eliav says

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Aryeh Eliav, former secretary general of the Labour Party, and ex-Sheli MK, yesterday described Issam Sartawi as "the bravest of the moderates" among Palestinian leaders.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said after yesterday's cabinet meeting that Sartawi's death was "very sad." He said "one of the things we see in the Arab world is that people who talk with Israel are sometimes shot and killed."

Meridor mentioned the assassination of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat in 1981 and of Jordan's King Abdullah in 1951. Another Arab killed for having friendly contact with Israel was Lebanese president-elect Bashir Jemayel last year.

But Eliav, who met Sartawi several times in recent years, said: "The will for peace, compromise and moderation is stronger than one man. There are others and I am sure they will come forward to take up his blood-soaked flag."

Reminded that six weeks ago a report in *The Jerusalem Post* warned that Sartawi faced danger from the Arab extremists, Eliav said: "He told me that his life was like a candle that could be extinguished at any moment. He said there were many murderers among his own people who were after his life."

Eliav named Harvard Professor Walid Khalidi, Prof. Hisham Sharabi, PLO representative in the U.S., and the exiled mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, Fakh Kawasma and Mohammed Milhem, as moderates who could carry on in Sartawi's footsteps.

"The murder was definitely planned by crazy extremists; they have been after him for many years. But I think that after the initial shock the trend towards a political compromise will prevail," said Eliav.

Khalidi said at least five PLO moderates are known to have been killed after promoting peaceful contact with Israel since 1977.

Sartawi, 48, was the key figure in recent contacts between Israeli leftists and the PLO leadership.

Retired general Mattityahu Peled and Sartawi had appeared at a joint news conference in London last August to denounce Israel's invasion of Lebanon and call for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Sartawi also was involved in negotiations with the PLO to trade prisoners captured in the Lebanon invasion.

A Peace Now spokeswoman expressed sadness over the murder and said that Sartawi was a Palestinian "who searched for peace."

Small West Bank village mourns its most famous son

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SARTA — A crowd of young men sat outside a small grocery store in the centre of this village just off the Samaria highway yesterday, listening to Kol Yisrael Arabic service broadcast about the village's most famous son, Issam Sartawi, who was assassinated in Portugal yesterday.

In a bare concrete room a few metres along an unpaved road, his cousins received a stream of people who came to pay their condolences. Fadi al-Alem, a first cousin, said that Sartawi's father had been the principal of a high school in Jenin and a well-known poet in the area. He had married into a prominent Acre family, the Jarrars.

Old men in the village recalled that the family moved from Jenin to Sarta, which is not far from the new Jewish settlement of Elkana, soon after 1948. Within two years, they moved to Jordan and then to Iraq, where his father was employed as a clerk in the Treasury.

"Issam was obviously tied to the village, since he chose its name as his surname," al-Alem said, but he acknowledged that Sartawi had not maintained contact with the village. Nor had his family (in the village) had contact with any of the Israelis Sartawi met in Europe.

In the West Bank, where Sar-

tawi's policies were probably more widely appreciated than in the Palestinian diaspora, his death was greeted by wide shock and condemnation, although East Jerusalem journalists noted that there were people who strongly disapproved of his willingness to accept mutual recognition with Israel.

Anwar Nusseibeh, a former Jordanian defence minister who met Sartawi at a debate at the Oxford Union in England a year ago, described him as "a man of deep humanity whose death is a great loss, not only to us but also to the cause of moderation and hopeful reconciliation."

Bassam Shak'a, the deposed mayor of Nablus and one-time chairman of the pro-PLO National Guidance Committee, also condemned the assassination and said it was contrary to the unity and aspirations of the Palestinian people.

Al-Quds, the leading East Jerusalem daily, says in its editorial today that Sartawi was killed "because of his free thinking," and paid tribute to him as one of the most courageous Palestinian leaders.

Ziad Abu Ziad, editor of *Al-Fajr*, said that Sartawi was a leading Palestinian thinker, although he too noted that West Bankers were divided in their attitudes to him.

Lebanese held for trade with Israel

BEIRUT (AP) — Three Lebanese merchants have been arrested on charges of selling Israeli fruit and vegetables, a local newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily *Al-Liwa* said the merchants, Christians from three different parts of the country, were being interrogated and would be tried "for purchasing Israeli fruit and vegetables at low cost and not knowing they would pay an expensive price for the offence."

The report followed last week's decision by Lebanon's National Council for External Economic Relations to take measures to halt the influx of Israeli goods into Lebanon.

The Beirut magazine *Le Commerce du Levant* last week predicted the government would start taking legal action against Lebanese who traded with Israel.

Saudi Arabia has already banned the import of goods from Lebanon, fearing they originate in Israel. Jordan and Iraq have imposed restrictions on imports from Lebanon.

Le Commerce du Levant said offenders could face up to three-month prison terms and heavy fines.

Al-Nahar Arab Report and *Memo*, an economic weekly published in Beirut, said yesterday that Israeli exports to Lebanon total an estimated \$30 million a month.

Scientists charge deception in anti-evolution congress

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of biologists from the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute has accused the organizers of a recent conference on evolution of attempting to deceive several public bodies about the true nature of the gathering to get funding.

The scientists recently wrote a letter of protest to the Education Ministry, the National Council for Research and Development and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities demanding that they

retroactively withdraw their support for the conference.

The First Congress on Inquiries into the Origin of Life and Evolution was organized by a group of Orthodox scientists from Ben-Gurion University with the aim of demonstrating that the theory of evolution has no scientific basis.

The scientists who sent the letter, and who attended the conference, said that "the conference did not deal scientifically with the problem. Most of the lectures were devoted to denying the theory of evolution in principle... and to advancing the notion that the biblical account of the origin of life is factual."

They wrote that the organizers "disguised religious and metaphysical arguments in scientific garb... not only to mislead the unsuspecting audience, but mainly to mislead the bodies which fund scientific gatherings."

They also said that it would be "disastrous" for science-teaching in the schools if non-rational theories are presented as science.

The letter was signed by Prof. Patricia Smith, Prof. Rafael Falk, Prof. Amram Ronen and Dr. Uzi Ritten of the Hebrew University; and by Prof. Shneur Lipson of the Weizmann Institute.

Ritten was recently hospitalized with severe head injuries after his car was stoned on the Sabbath in an ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood in Jerusalem.

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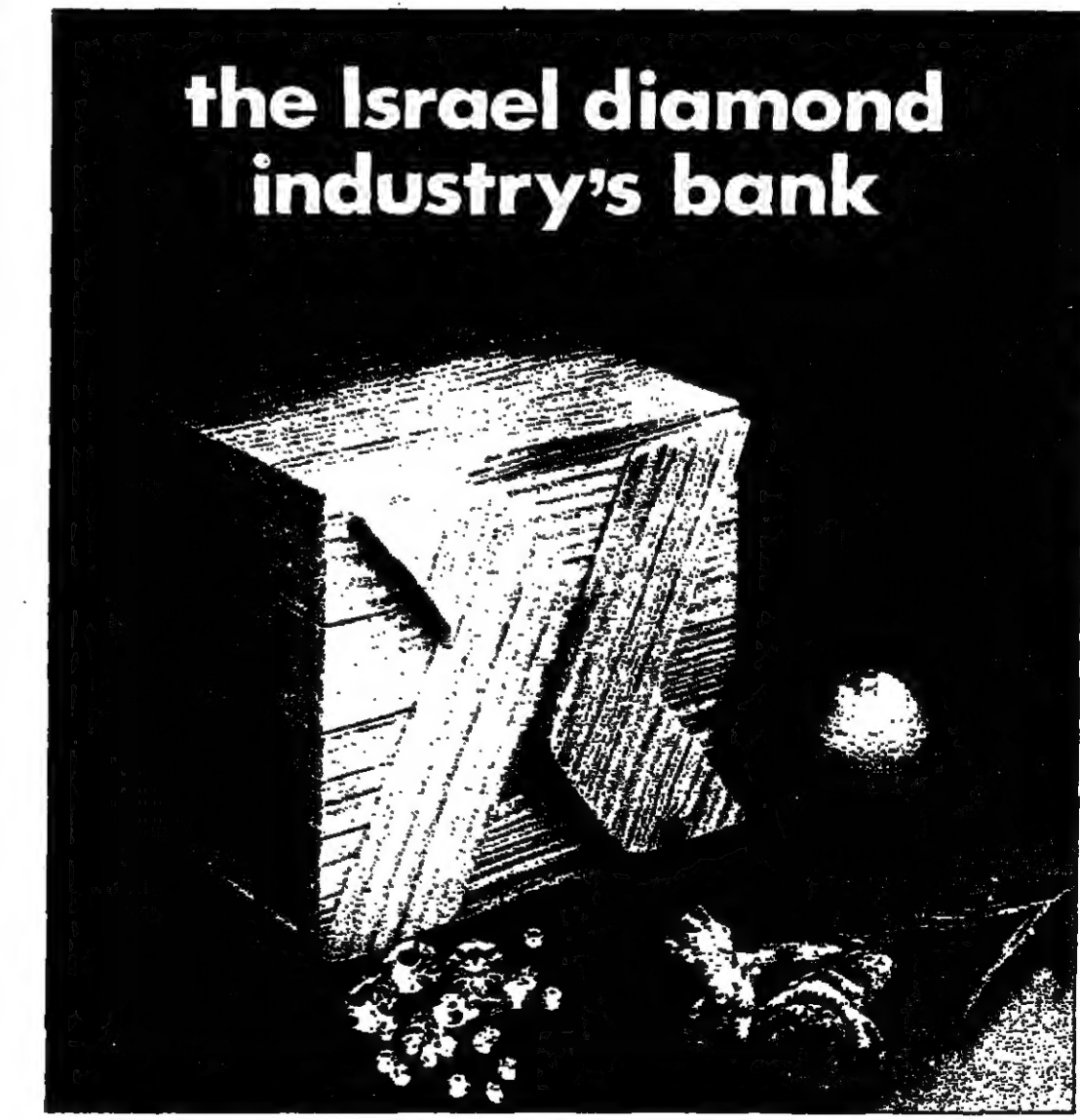
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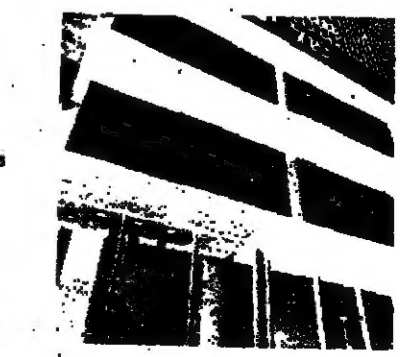


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Thousands at funeral of Salvadoran rebel

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP). — An estimated 20,000 people gathered here on Saturday for the funeral of a Salvadoran guerrilla commander whose death set off a new round of attacks in El Salvador by fellow rebels.

Salvador Cayetano Carpio, leader of the Popular Forces of Liberation, in which Melida Anaya Montes was second in command, was the main speaker at her funeral. He said the rebels would "intensify their fight in the coming days." Carpio said he

had flown from Tripoli, Libya, for the funeral.

Known as Commander Ana Maria Montes, 55, was found stabbed to death and with her throat cut in a Managua apartment early on Wednesday. Interior Minister Tomas Borge said she was killed by a "special group" of three men trained by the CIA. The U.S. has denied any involvement in the slaying.

63-year-old Carpio heads the largest of the five guerrilla organizations

fighting the U.S.-backed rightist government of El Salvador. It is believed to have close links to Cuba and the Sandinistas which share power in this country.

In El Salvador, the guerrillas, who vowed revenge for the death of Montes, blacked out the eastern third of the country, cut it in half with roadblocks and burned vehicles. Government military garrisons were put on alert as the rebel attacks spread to most of the country.

Challenger being readied for heavy space schedule

KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE, Florida (Reuters). — The space shuttle Challenger, which completed its first mission on Saturday, must be ready for another flight in 60 days, according to officials.

That is considerably less time than the shortest period it took to prepare the first shuttle, Columbia, for another flight, but officials say they can do it.

"We think we can do it in 60 days," Tom Usman, director of shuttle management and operations at the Kennedy Space Centre, told reporters last week.

"There are several thousand people here who don't think it is a fantasy," he said. "It will be a very tough operation but we don't see any insurmountable obstacles."

The speed-up in operations is necessary because of a two-and-a-half month delay with Challenger due to engine leaks.

Despite the delay, officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are trying hard to get in all the missions planned for this year, especially the September

flight of a European-built spacelab. Spacelab is a large shuttle-borne capsule that will allow several scientists, including the first European member of a U.S. space crew, to conduct experiments while in orbit.

Its first week-long mission is extremely important to the U.S. and the consortium of West European nations which designed and built the vehicle.

If it is not launched by early October at the latest it would have to wait until February for its first flight because winter weather over Europe would limit some of its ground-mapping experiments.

There are two more flights of Challenger, now scheduled for June and August, before the spacelab mission and a secret defence department mission planned for the end of the year.

"We're aiming for all five missions," the head of the shuttle programme, Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, said before Challenger blasted off on its maiden voyage.

Chinese blame Reagan in asylum case

PEKING (AP). — China's leading newspaper said yesterday that President Ronald Reagan was personally responsible for the decision to grant political asylum to Chinese tennis star Hu Na.

Keeping up denunciations of the U.S. for the sixth straight day, the People's Daily rejected arguments that the asylum decision was based on U.S. legal processes that left the government little room for maneuver.

It said Reagan had been quoted as saying, "I would rather take her in myself than send her back."

The Communist Party newspaper added: "The president of a formidable big power goes so far as to grab a Chinese girl away from her own parents and then offer her services as her western daddy."

"So this is what the so-called human rights and humanitarianism that America keeps advertising are all about."

The U.S. government announced last Monday it was granting political asylum to Hu, 19, who had said she had been threatened by Chinese officials because she refused to join the Communist Party to serve as a model to youth.

China retaliated by cancelling sports and government-sponsored cultural exchanges for 1983, although a number of other cultural and educational exchanges and tourism are going ahead.

Pentagon: No decision yet to train Salvadorans

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Pentagon says no decision has been made yet on whether to establish a centre in Honduras where U.S. military advisers would train Salvadoran soldiers in anti-guerrilla warfare.

The New York Times yesterday quoted two officials in President Ronald Reagan's administration as saying the U.S. is planning to set up such a base.

The newspaper said one of the officials reported that the base would be staffed with about 100 U.S. military advisers and that the Defence Department expected to have it operating in six weeks to two months.

"The only official comment is that there has been no decision made at this time," Lt. Fred Leader, a Pentagon spokesman said when asked to comment on the report.

About 1,400 Salvadoran soldiers received training at bases in the U.S. last year as part of the U.S. administration's support of the Salvadoran government in its struggle with leftist rebels.

Iran says talks with PLO possible

RIYADH (AP). — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym was quoted yesterday as saying a London Foreign Office official may be assigned to hold talks with PLO leaders.

Pym's statement was distributed here by the official Saudi press agency, shortly after the British secretary flew to the United Arab Emirates.

Pym reiterated that Britain would be using its influence with both the U.S. and Israel to get Arab-Israeli peace talks moving.

"There will be lots of negotiations, and my government may assign a Foreign Office official to meet with one of the leaders of the PLO," Pym was quoted as saying. "We support the PLO as the heart of the problem." Pym was quoted as adding, "We support the rights of self-determination."

Omani sultan to see Reagan

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Oman's Sultan Qaboos Bin-Said, one of Washington's staunchest allies in the Middle East, begins his first state visit to the U.S. today.

President Ronald Reagan is expected to put high on the agenda of their talks the attempts to keep alive his Middle East peace initiative, Persian Gulf diplomats said.

The diplomats said the sultan's visit, in a year marking the 150th anniversary of Oman's first treaty with the U.S., is aimed at briefing Reagan on the Middle East.

Oman was one of only three Arab countries to maintain diplomatic relations with Egypt after Cairo signed the U.S. Camp David accords with Israel in 1978.

EXILE. — Nobel literature prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez returned to Colombia yesterday, ending two years of self-imposed exile from his homeland.

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Sports

Shlomo at home

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top-seeded Shlomo Glickstein, now ranked 30th in the world, was last night drawn against 450th-ranked American Mark Freedman in the first round of the Israel Tennis Association's \$25,000 "Dubek Cup" tournament at the Ashdod Tennis Centre. The event gets under way at 2 p.m. today, following two days of qualifying competition for the 32-strong singles draw.

Ashdod-born Glickstein — who arrived home direct from the Portuguese Open in Lisbon — meets Freedman exactly a fortnight after his sensational victory over the world's top player Ivan Lendl at the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix.

Second the third seeds behind Glickstein will be Austrian Davis Cup players Robert Kriehammer and Hans-Peter Kandler. No. 4 is Mike Barr, of the U.S. Over 20 overseas competitors are competing with top local players making up the rest of the draw.

Unsentimental Jimmy

TOKYO (AP). — Bjorn Borg retired from pro-tennis yesterday with a bitter-sweet loss to Jimmy Connors, the man he once supplanted as the greatest in the game. Connors, the rejuvenated 30-year-old American, simply outmaneuvered the 26-year-old Swede in winning a \$250,000 invitation tournament here in straight sets of 6-3, 6-4.

John McEnroe took third by winning an earlier match against Johan Kriek 6-7 (7-1), 7-5, 6-3.

Mats Wilander of Sweden won the Portuguese Open defeating Yannick Noah of France 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

In a \$50,000 event in Houston, Ivan Lendl and Paul McNamee of Australia reached the final. Lendl bested McNamee 6-2, 6-3, and McNamee destroyed rookie Mark Dickson 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Martina Navratilova breezed to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin who beat Andrea Jaeger 7-5, 7-5 in the final of the women's event in South Carolina.

Nonchalant Corbiere

CAMBORNE, England (AP). — Corbiere, winner of Saturday's Grand National steeplechase, received a champion's welcome from hundreds of cheering fans when he returned to this day Berkshire village yesterday. Champagne corks popped and villagers jostled for space as the horse, named after a lighthouse on the Channel Island of Jersey, was led home to his banner-bedecked stable.

The first priority for the victorious thoroughbred after the long journey from Liverpool was a meal of oats. He hardly twitched as he trotted at the crowds outside and totally ignored his dozen other stablemates. "He's not a very sociable horse and is probably a bit tired," said Corbiere's 37-year-old trainer Jenny Pitman.

Having allowed himself a few tears and the congratulations of friends and strangers alike, after becoming the first woman trainer to saddle a winner in a National — Pitman, however, refused to dote on success.

Behind the smiles and victory hugs Pitman is already planning next year's win — and another the year after that.

Two survivors

NEW YORK (AP). — The Montreal Expos and the Pittsburgh Pirates are the only two remaining clubs with a 100% record after four games in the American baseball leagues. The New York Mets were upended 5-0 by St. Louis but the Expos breezed 7-2 by Los Angeles while the Pirates nipped Houston 1-0.

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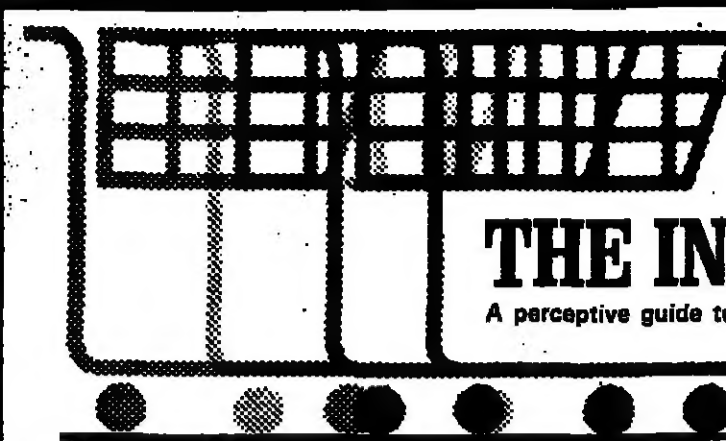
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MOTOR RACING: Relegating world champion Mike Rosberg of Finland in a Williams outfit off American Grand Prix in a Toyota to win the Race of Champions at Brands Hatch, England. Former world champion Alan Jones, continuing his comeback, was third in an Arrows.

BOXING: Cuba's amateur boxer outboxed the U.S. with a 12-0 victory in Havana. Japan's Kazuo Tokusaki made the fifth successful defence of his WBSA junior-flyweight title but had to be satisfied with a draw against a game challenger Mexican Jose Madros.

SPORTS TO DIVIDENDS: The pyro is a handsome following the batch of unexpected results on Saturday's football pools coupon. Only three persons had an all-clear entry and each won \$52,353,394. The 61 punters with one mistake each got \$343,330. 111 punts \$32,390 and 16 — \$1280.

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Amin planning Uganda battle to overthrow Obote regime

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Exiled Ugandan dictator Idi Amin said yesterday he was devising a plan to return to Uganda to lead underground guerrilla factions against the regime of President Milton Obote.

"I am very proud, very happy to say that my people have asked me to return to Uganda and lead them in a war of liberation against the tyranny of Obote," said Amin in a telephone interview.

Speaking from Jeddah, the Saudi Arabian Red Sea port, where he lives as a political refugee with one of his two wives and most of his 23 children, he said that the "moment of liberation of my homeland is at

hand." He disclosed that a delegation of tribal chieftains and politicians visited him in Jeddah recently and asked him to return home.

"They offered me a detailed plan for my return and struggle to topple Obote," said Amin. "More than 25,000 men are ready to fight for me, but they are poorly armed. I repeat my appeal to all honest leaders of the world to help me and my people with money, arms and medical supplies."

Amin said that, once he is back in Uganda and Obote out he would arrange elections that would take him back to the presidency "through free elections." The 55-year-old dictator was overthrown in April 1979.

UK study says terrorists linked to organized crime

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Growing evidence of links between political terrorists and organized crime is revealed in a report to be published today by a British university lecturer.

William Boyes, of Aberdeen University, who has made a study of modern terrorism, believes that terrorist groups are organized criminal syndicates "not only operating for mutual benefit in partnerships throughout the world."

In a paper entitled *The Financing of Terror — Terrorism and Organized Crime*, published by the Centre for Contemporary Studies, Boyes states that organized criminal activity is an important source of revenue for most of the large terrorist organizations.

"Terrorism, like most other aspects of modern life, is becoming increasingly expensive," he explains. "To mount operations or

simply to survive, the terrorist needs a steady and predictable cash flow."

There are three main ways of tackling the problem, Boyes says, by creating a large support front organization, by obtaining sponsorship from foreign governments or wealthy individuals intent on changing society or by creating a criminal infrastructure.

Boyes says that neo-Nazi groups are trafficking in heroin and cannabis and that "links between the right-wing European fascists and the Lebanese Phalangists have proved extremely lucrative. Much of the cannabis reaching Europe comes from that part of Lebanon controlled by the family of Lebanese President Gemayel. Before the Israeli invasion, the PLO was also heavily involved in the Lebanese cannabis trade and had, in Lebanon as elsewhere, extracted a major portion of its income from extortion, ransom and robbery."

Iran sending fresh water to three Gulf countries

ABU DHABI, UAE. — Iran is mobilizing its fleet to supply potable water to Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar — the Persian Gulf countries threatened by the war-caused oil slick now creeping close to their coastlines, the English language newspaper *Gulf News* reported yesterday.

It quoted Iran's ambassador to Abu Dhabi, Saeed Madarshahi, as saying that a number of tankers with supplies of fresh water already were en route to the three countries.

Other tankers, he told the paper, were being readied for the transport of water.

No confirmation was available in the three countries.

In Bahrain, the state television on Saturday announced that part of the slick had hit the island of 360,000 inhabitants.

The eight-week-old slick, precipitated by leaking crude oil

from Iran's offshore Nowruz field, is also threatening desalination plants in six Arab countries along the Gulf region.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Health Minister Abdel Rahman al-Awadi was reported to have expressed doubts yesterday whether a crisis meeting would take place as planned on Wednesday.

Ministers from eight Gulf states were due to resume talks in Kuwait which were adjourned last Thursday. The formal opening of that session was delayed for two days by political wrangling between warring Iran and Iraq.

Informed sources said Awadi postponed a planned shuttle to Iraq and Iran to hammer out an accord on capping the leaking wells because no response to the trip was received from either country. (AP, Reuters)

Shocking solution to China's rat problem

PEKING (AP). — Chinese researchers have invented an "electric cat" that knocks out rats which bump into its tiny electric wires, the official Xinhua news agency reported on Saturday.

The "cat" is a 2-kilogram device, the size of a cat, that stuns rats with a brief electric charge. Its makers claim it shocks 98 per cent of the rats that pass by.

China's estimated 3 to 4 billion rats destroyed some 15 million tons of grain last year — equal to the country's total grain imports.

Mubarak in Indonesia

JAKARTA (AP). — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met President Suharto for two hours at the Merdeka Palace yesterday to discuss international issues and closer economic cooperation.

State Secretary Sudharmono said the two had a friendly and frank exchange of views, and that improved economic ties as well as the Middle East, Afghanistan and Kampuchea were the main topics.

ACCORDS. — The Soviet Union and China yesterday signed two agreements on developing border trade, the official news agency Tass reported.

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A gem of an idea

The purpose of this week's International Precious Stones Congress is to focus attention on Israel as a centre for gemstones, Addie Dreckler reports.



DURING the 15 short years of its existence, Israel's precious stones industry has carved a niche for itself in the world market. Both the advanced skills and the technological innovations which characterize this industry are in evidence this week at the International Precious Stones Congress, taking place at the Tel Aviv Hilton through Thursday.

This conference is the first of its kind ever to be held. Previous meetings have been devoted to only one aspect of the precious stones trade, such as investment or gemology. But presently in Tel Aviv, people have gathered from every sector of the industry worldwide to discuss just about everything that is relevant to gems.

Approximately 200 participants from some 16 different gemstone-manufacturing and marketing countries have joined about 100 Israelis for the five-day congress, which was initiated by the Israel Precious Stones and Diamond Exchange, and the Israel Emerald-Cutters Association. The event culminates over a year-and-a-half of planning, under the direction of Avi Meir, chairman of the organizing committee, and Ben Zion Harel, chairman of the programme committee.

Together their committees have fleshed out what Moshe Persky, executive director of the Congress and managing director of the Exchange, describes as a perfect combination of educational seminars on interesting topics relating to the trade, and social events designed for people-meeting.

Mixed in with talks on recent developments in gemstone synthesis, international trade cooperation, and other subjects will be cocktails, folkloric shows, and a full-day trip to Jerusalem — including touring and a visit to the concurrently running Showcase '83 jewelry fair. Accompanying spouses are being entertained during seminar sessions with fashion shows, museum visits, and tours of Tel Aviv and Old Jaffa.

By far the most fascinating seminar topic — at least from the layman's point of view — is scheduled for Thursday afternoon's session. There, Israeli gemologist Ann Swersky will use slides, historical photos, and paintings to illustrate her research on the stones on the breastplate of the High Priest of Israel.

Although described in some detail in the Bible, the specific gems

used have never been definitively identified in modern nomenclature, nor has the actual arrangement of the stones on the breastplate ever been determined. Swersky's discussion will trace theories on this subject through time, up to her own, today, and should prove interesting to all listeners.

The growth of the Israeli precious stones industry, itself, has been phenomenal. Although small quantities of finished rubies and sapphires are also starting to be produced locally, the specialty of the industry here has — since its establishment — been emeralds. Israel is one of the largest emerald suppliers in the world, with last year of approximately 100 tons.

Technological developments have always been a top priority in the industry, and has been responsible for the growth of the industry. Israeli engineers designed machinery to produce large quantities of stones, of stone-work these days automated.

Employees are highly skilled, receive thorough training. Their numbers are increasing due to vocational programmes like the four-year course recently introduced at the ORT School in Ramat Gan. Thus, every stage of the gem-fabrication process — multiple sortings, sawing, cutting, polishing — is completed by the well-trained worker with precision and an emphasis on a high finished quality.

The centre for the marketing of all precious and semi-precious stones — excluding diamonds — is the Precious Stones Exchange, located in Ramat Gan, next to its "big brother" the Diamond Exchange. In eight years, the Precious Stones Exchange has grown to include over 200 members from Israel, and abroad who come to trade not only in emeralds but also in rubies, sapphires, pearls, and all manner of semi-precious stones. The Israeli Exchange has been a member of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses since 1980.

Moshe Persky is blunt in stating that a major purpose of the current congress is "to focus media and professional attention on Israel as a centre for gemstones." During the event, participants are being given the opportunity to visit the Exchange, as well as several of the major lapidaries, to see the Israeli industry in action.



All that glitters... jewelry by (left) Gami Jewellery, (top) Aber and Levin, (below left) Willinger Jacob, and (below right) Gold of Jerusalem.



Stoney hearted

In a time recession, Israel's jewelry industry is working to full capacity, experts at the Israel Export Institute tell Greer Fay Cashman, on the occasion of this week's Israel Jewelry Fair.

LEMAN branches of Israel's jewelry industry are in the doldrums. Jewelry manufacturers are facing the golden glow of success. Jewelry exports rose from \$9 million in 1981 to \$125m. in 1982.

Jewelry is one of the few industries in Israel which has not been adversely affected by the world economic recession," says Neli Ya'akobi, director of the Jewellery Centre at the Israel Export Institute.

"The industry is working to capacity — so much so, that it is suffering from a dearth of available skilled labour." In fact, at one stage, the situation became so critical that the Israeli government permitted the importation of skilled labour from India.

What has prompted this significant growth in the industry? "People buy jewelry irrespective of the economic climate," says Ya'akobi matter-of-factly. "But

more so when money loses its value. It's then that people really place their trust in gold."

Another major contributing factor in increased exports is the slump in the diamond industry. The substantial fall in diamond prices on world markets has made the gems more accessible to jewellers. Thus, the trend in Israel has been to manufacture more gold jewelry set with diamonds and other precious stones than ever before.

The decline in the diamond industry is regarded as a temporary one, and there is a strong belief that diamonds will again rise in value. Thus, the gold-and-diamond combination is viewed as a good, long-term investment.

Connie Matalon, one of the organizers of Showcase '83, the Israel Jewelry Fair which opens today at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem, adds that investment potential aside, Israeli jewelry sells because "the design is excellent, the

quality and craftsmanship are good, and the prices are competitive."

Matalon, who was herself a jewelry manufacturer and exporter for 15 years before becoming an administrator, is thoroughly familiar with the international jewelry scene, and claims that in terms of quality, Israel is second only to Italy. "We don't have to copy anyone," she says. "We have our own creative resources."

Showcase '83 will be a temporary centre stage for much of this creativity but something of a more permanent nature is due to follow. Israel Export Institute director-general Rami Gut is looking forward to the opening of the Centre of Display — a creative showroom for Israeli jewelry, arts and crafts — slated to open later this year in Old Jaffa.

This new facility will give visiting foreign buyers an indication of what is being produced by which manufacturers. They can then decide on the spot which plants they want to put on their schedules. The Centre of Display will also sell directly to tourists. The venture is jointly funded by jewelry manufacturers and the Israel Export Institute.

The Centre is one of many promotional endeavours being made in an aggressive marketing campaign which includes participation over the next year in six international jewelry fairs in Europe and America; the making of a 15-minute documentary film highlighting Israel's jewelry design innovations; special shows in Israel Trade Centres in Cologne, New York and Dallas; and increased trade delegations to Japan, Australia, South Africa and Canada.

Gut attributes the industry's booming export success to the fact that the major thrust is made towards the U.S., "where the dollar has kept a relative strength in comparison to other currencies."

Moreover, in America, Israel has an advantage over Italy, in that it enjoys the benefits of GSP while Italy does not. GSP (Generalized System for Preferences) is a statute introduced to encourage industrial growth in developing countries. Israel has been on the GSP list since 1976, and is permitted tax-free imports to the value of \$42 million in each of five categories of jewelry in which either gold or stones have the major value.

Because it belongs to the EEC, Israel also benefits from tariff-free exports to other member countries in Europe. Liberation from levies has given Israel an extra edge over many of her competitors.

In recent years, Israeli government officials and industrialists have done their utmost to bury the myth that Israel is a cheap labour country. "But," contends Matalon, "in the jewelry industry, labour is relatively cheap." She cites the hourly rate being paid in Spain — \$5.50 — to that of Israel, which is \$4.50. Since labour is included in the price, Israel can afford to charge less.

New technologies play a vital part in boosting Israel's sales. Research conducted by the Noble Metals Institute at the Haifa Technion has resulted in the development of new processes which are more economical and guarantee better quality and efficiency.

Know-how and skills are insufficient if there is not enough man-

power to serve the needs of the industry. According to Ya'akobi, the industry foresaw this problem as far back as 1977, but at that stage, did not have the resources required to establish a vocational school to train personnel.

There are two educational institutions which do have courses for potential jewellers, but neither provides an all-embracing jewelry curriculum: the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem puts the emphasis on design and innovation, whereas the Omani School in Old Jaffa is more interested in practicalities.

"What we want," states Ya'akobi, "is a school which teaches everything from A to Z — creative design, practical execution, casting, cutting, finishing, operation and maintenance of machinery..."

Plans for just such a school are already on the drawing-boards thanks to FECS (Federation of Educational Guidance Services) and F.E.D. (Federation of Educational Donors) — two American groups who are providing some funds, the initial nucleus of teachers, and even study opportunities in America for Israeli teachers. The American Jewellers' Association is also involved in the project, as are Israel's Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Education, and the Israel Export Institute.

Most of Israel's jewelry plants are situated in Ramat Gan in Tel Aviv, so why have Showcase '83 in Jerusalem?

"Jerusalem is the capital of Israel," says Ya'akobi, "and this is a prestige event whose place is in the capital of the country."

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Put on your Nellie

FOR MONTHS Tel Avivians witnessed a very American-style promotional campaign. "Watch for Nellie," "Nellie's Coming," "Who or What is Nellie?" read the messages on streetpole posters, newspaper advertisements, and boards strutting the corner of Ben Yehuda and Frishman streets. At last the secret is out.

"Nellie" is Nellie Sternthal, an 11-year resident from Canada, who has moved her fast-growing jewelry design business from Savoyon to the "big city." After four years in Savoyon and almost three years' search for the right in-town location, she has taken over this prime corner of the Tel Aviv shopping district to make her designs more accessible to Israeli and tourists.

Appropriately, "Nellie" is also the name of the new store. Together with Israeli architect Rafi Blumenthal, she and her husband have put together a plush grey velvet centre, a fitting venue for the glittering gold and gems that fill the wall and tabletop display cases.

Nellie's primary aim is to tailor jewelry to today's woman. With lifestyles becoming more casual and yet also more sophisticated, she creates designs that are elegantly stated and versatile enough for day and evening wear.

Nellie's taste is simple. While jewelry has always been a staple for men who wanted more, she has had to travel to find them. Regrettably, since diamonds and semi-precious stones are so abundant and affordable all that's needed is the on to work with them.

It is what she seems to be more than 70 per cent of the in display is of Nellie's own and there is something for every age, from the teenage girl to the older woman.

Each piece is one-of-a-kind. Nellie uses both 14k and 18k gold and only natural stones — diamonds, sapphires, rubies, pearls, coral, and more. Pendants, bracelets, rings,



Addie Drecksler finds a perfectionist designer.

earrings are all distinctively high-fashion, high-quality items.

Some are high-priced, as well. For example, a youthful-looking 18k chain with a gold ribbon bow, set with a small diamond, sells for \$365. A heart-shaped cluster of tiny diamonds suspended from a 14k S-chain is priced at \$475. For a carat worth of diamonds in a specially-designed "channel setting," where

the stones fit tightly into "grooves" in the gold heart, the customer would pay \$1825. Each piece is striking and all are priced in dollars.

What about the "poor working girl," who also wants that touch of elegance but simply cannot afford such amounts? Nellie points out the many varieties of gold chains, with tags starting at \$15. Pendants of jade, coral, and other semi-precious

stones, designed in interesting shapes — apples, stars, hams — are equally affordable. Most of the rings in the case, with and without small stones, are marked at \$100 and less.

In the earring line, Nellie has brought to Israel an infinitely versatile American system known as "earring jackets." Here the centre point can be a round pearl or diamond or gold ball, which then serves as centre stone for any one of over 150 pairs of multi-coloured, many-shaped flat discs or hoops or drops to fit around the post. Priced as low as \$15 and \$18 a pair, a number of these hard-to-describe but cleverly constructed jackets could be bought to combine with the one centre point.

The multi-functional earrings demonstrate Nellie's emphasis on adaptability. Likewise, an elegant long necklace: an 18k gold ellipse with a large centre sapphire surrounded by diamonds, on braided strands of delicate keshi pearls, has two gold-and-diamond bands halfway along the necklace which open to allow the back half of the piece to be removed and thus to shorten the necklace to a choker.

Workmanship is of high quality. All work is done on the premises, under Nellie's perfectionist's eye. In addition to ready-made and custom-made pieces, the trained staff is available to do remodelling, resets, repairs, and some appraisals.

Nellie has received requests to design for export of stylized Israeli-manufactured jewelry; but at present she is concentrating on the Israeli market, intent on raising the quality of the local industry and broadening the choices available to purchasers. Her frequent travels to world jewelry shows keep her abreast of current trends and provide new ideas.

Since the beginning of time, women have adorned themselves with gold and silver and precious gems of all shapes and designs. Nellie Sternthal is bringing new vitality to a very old art.

THE SPARKLING stone in a ring or pendant that has caught your eye may not be "a girl's best friend" at all: Zircons twinkle sometimes even more brightly than diamonds, and are frequently mistaken for them by inexperienced jewelry buyers.

By the same token, what looks like a ruby, an emerald or a sapphire may be a synthetic reproduction — or even a piece of coloured glass.

According to Menahem Sevdemish manager of the Israel Gemological Institute for Precious Stones and Diamonds (GIPS), there is no law in Israel nor in any other country that protects wholesale and retail buyers from being hoodwinked by unscrupulous dealers.

The management at GIPS cannot understand why the government is willing to impose fines on food and clothing companies whose products do not meet certain criteria, while it ignores the vast quantities of diamonds and precious stones of inferior quality which are flooding the market and being passed off as top-grade.

Sevdemish and his administrative manager, Michal Rosenblatt, have demanded government attention to this matter. They believe that a moral issue is involved here. Because diamonds and precious stones are considered to be investments and status symbols as well as adornments, says Rosenblatt, many a poor family skimps on household expenses to save enough to buy an expensive trinket — the cost of which may equal the family's monthly food bill.

"Why should they pay hundreds of dollars for something which may be worth only 10 or 20 dollars?" she asks. "And why do they have no recourse when they have been cheated?"

These same questions worry officials at the Israel Precious Stones Exchange, B and I Investment Co., and the Israel Emerald Cutters Association, all of which sponsor the work of GIPS.

A non-profit organization whose revenues are utilized to purchase up-to-date, sophisticated equipment, GIPS conducts courses in gemology, but its major daily activities centre on the identification,

Getting stoned

When you buy a gemstone, make sure it's for real, Greer Fay Cashman is told.

grading and certification of diamonds and precious stones.

Jewelry manufacturing and retail firms which value their reputations and are eager to maintain public confidence, use the services of either GIPS or its competitor, IGI, to check both set and unset stones.

Until a few years ago, stones had to be removed from settings for thorough inspection tests, but new technologies have enabled the checking of stones in their settings.

GIPS' gemologists do not place a monetary value on jewelry. It is against the international code of ethics of gemological institutes to do so. However, the certified information provided by GIPS makes it possible for a jeweler to price an item according to global rates.

Each item brought to GIPS for inspection is triple-checked by three qualified gemologists. If there is any discrepancy in their individual findings, the stone is checked again. Each item leaves the laboratory with the organization's seal and a certificate of identification, plus another certificate printed in both English and Hebrew explaining the professional coding jargon — the diamond chart reads as follows:

Clarity

IF=VS₁=Clean

VS₂=SI₁=Commercially Clean

P₁=P₂=Pique

P₃=Pique 3

Spotted, rejection

Colour

D-F Fine White

G-H White

I-K Commercially White

L-Cape, Yellow

GIPS gemologists note even the tiniest fault. For instance, in the

case of a pair of ear-rings studded with more than 20 tiny diamond chips, all passed the test except one chip, the value of which was negligible in relation to the total cost of the finished product. But GIPS refused to give a certificate until the jeweler changed the inferior chip.

The GIPS laboratory staff works in close cooperation with the police. A money-lender suspected of changing the stones in jewelry submitted to him as collateral, was convicted after police brought several samples of redeemed jewelry to GIPS. In all cases, diamonds had been substituted with zircons.

Sevdemish warns the public to examine the seal and to carefully read the certification attached to any object of jewelry sold in a shop. Some manufacturers are producing their own seals and certificates without subjecting the stones to proper gemological inspection.

Where an item is not accompanied by a valid seal and certification, Sevdemish advises the purchaser to insist on a gemological test before concluding the purchase. If the retailer refuses, there is every reason to believe that the goods are not what he claims them to be.

GIPS charges between \$3 and \$10 per inspection, depending on the amount of work involved. Obviously it takes more time and effort to check a cluster than a single stone. But as Rosenblatt points out, \$10 is an inconsequential sum compared to hundreds and even thousands of dollars which may be money thrown down the drain by people whose gullibility precludes checking the quality of the stones they are buying. On the other hand, if the stone lives up to the jeweler's description, the customer may come back to him a second and a third time.

GIPS is located in the Ramat Gan Diamond and Precious Stones Exchange complex at 52 Bezalel Street. The office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due to stringent security precautions in the building, it is advisable to telephone (03-2171023) for an appointment.

When coming to that appointment, it is important to bring either an identity card or passport as no one is permitted to enter the building without proof of identity.

HOW DOES a sub-atomic particle physicist from Boston become a jewelry, giftware and promotions manufacturer in Tel Aviv?

When Allan Entis, 42, was invited to come to Tel Aviv University in 1971, he packed up his family and came "for the adventure, and because I believed in the country."

At the university he lectured and ran an experimental research project on cosmic rays, measuring the energy distribution of particles coming from outer space. But Entis, who runs 15 km. daily to keep fit, had too much energy and imagination for just one job, and soon had his finger in several pies.

He founded a consulting service which provided analyses of how information is used. "I gave this up after a while," he says with a wry smile, "because I decided that the country already had enough engineers."

A visit to Colorado where the belt buckle fad was in full swing inspired his next project. In 1973 he borrowed \$100 against his university salary and produced a line of brass buckles with designs based on ancient coins and seals found in Israel. To each buckle he attached a card explaining the historical background of the motif. At the same time he introduced Israelis to belts with snaps, rather than rivets, enabling the wearer to change his buckle according to his mood.

"At the time I didn't know what money meant or what business was, but by 1976 my company, Buckler, was big enough so that I had to choose between it and the university, I chose the company," says Entis.

From buckles it was just a short step to other gift items using the

Buckling up

Skewers, buckles and key chains are Allan Entis' business, Esther Hecht discovers.



same motifs: key chains, money clips, paperweights, bottle openers, door knockers. And the number of designs kept growing. To the ancient motifs were added completely modern numbers, including a replica of the one lira coin, the Coca Cola logo in Hebrew and the signs of the zodiac.

Testifying to the appeal of Buckler products is the fact that the U.S. armed forces have become one of the company's biggest clients, stocking scores of specially-designed buckles and other souvenir items in their PX stores in Europe.

No sooner is one line in production, than Entis gets another dozen ideas. Buckler now makes replicas of antique candlesticks and Hanukkah menorahs for Israel's museum gift shops; serving platters, skewers and gifts bearing the Sheraton Hotel

logo and promotions and giveaways for various companies and football associations. The company's latest venture is silver jewelry with religious motifs, aimed at the tourist trade.

Not all his ideas have turned out successes, however. Entis readily admits, "People who try are going to fail. But as Nietzsche said, anything that doesn't kill you makes you stronger. And as the Jews say, you have to pay the rebbe gelt. There's no way around it."

Some secrets of Buckler's success have been present from the start. Entis is a perfectionist, and has always insisted on the highest standards, both in design and production. This careful quality control, he claims, is rare in Israel.

But quality control is not enough when it comes to exports. Buyers are naturally price-conscious, and

there isn't a buckle or other gift item that can't be made for less in the Far East where labour — one of the main cost components — is much cheaper than in Israel.

"To compete," Entis explains, "Israel must utilize her own special human resources, and must seek out complicated tasks that can't be done elsewhere. That's why there are so many high-tech businesses here."

"In the jewelry and giftware line, design is of prime importance, and for this we have the resources. Then there is our unusual history, and the traditions of three great religions. These provide an endless source of design ideas."

"But," he emphasizes, "most important are good marketing ideas. It's not enough to produce a handsome item; if the buyer has to worry about how to display it, or if the shopkeeper just stuffs the merchandise into a drawer, the item won't sell."

Being aware of this from the very beginning, when Buckler was a shoestring enterprise operating out of his Ramat Aviv apartment, Entis designed and built himself display stands for his line of buckles.

And he has constantly upgraded his display stands, and is now selling foreign buyers the "koisk" concept. "It's not just a line of products, but a whole gift bazaar that the shopkeeper assembles from our kit like a Lego set." Each item has a special space designed for it.

Buckler currently has 15 employees who do most of the manufacturing, although some work is farmed out to subcontractors. But the company remains a small business that is long on ideas and programmes and short on capital.

Waisted interests

Diana Lerner meets a sculptor in jewelry.

IN ISRAEL, sculptress Hana Goor is known as creator of giant bronze sculptures: at Yad Vashem, at the entrance to Haifa University, at Nahariya's Zichron Park and such works as "Woman in the Wind" overlooking the Tel Aviv shoreline.

In the U.S., however, the sabra is fast gaining recognition for her sculptured silver, bronze, brass, ivory-faux, or 24-karat gold plated buckles, teamed with matte-finish, snakeskin or lizard belts.

So successful have these Goor creations become, that Bloomingdales and I. Magnin stores where the belts were introduced just a little over a year ago are opening special Hana Goor corners on their main floors next month.

There, in addition to belts, Hana Goor's wearable sculpture jewelry or "body sculpture" as she prefers to call the necklaces and bracelets, will be sold along with miniature versions of her larger pieces.

The belts cost from \$22 to \$50 — which is considered a reasonable price range for original accessories, according to belt buyers at Saks Fifth Avenue, Henri Bendel and other elegant stores which — Goor tells us — have placed repeat orders for them during the past year.

Hana Goor, who has residences in Jaffa, Los Angeles and New York, is



presently negotiating the production of her belts and wearable sculpture with a local foundry.

Born in Tiberias, the former champion swimmer cuts a striking figure with her short, cropped hair, and usual uniform, a Roberto Cavalli leather jumpsuit, high leather boots, and chains of gold-plated sculpture-jewelry of her own design.

Goor attributes her luck with the belts to the fact that her husband, American businessman Leonard Lowengrub, was walking through Bloomingdales a little over a year ago, and was stopped by a man who wanted to know where he had

purchased the unusual belt he was wearing.

Half in jest, Lowengrub said, "Do you want to see the creator?" as he pointed to his wife.

The man turned out to be the belt buyer of Bloomingdales. He immediately placed an order of several dozen belts on consignment. They were immediately snapped up and repeat orders followed.

Although Goor has never studied art, she maintains that sculpture is the most important thing in her life. She says she hopes that her small creations will draw the attention of serious American art buyers to her work.

FROM THE INSIDE of Bob Faber's display window, between the emerald necklace and the Herodian coin ring, you can see Jerusalem's City Hall. Faber, proprietor of a new store called The Ring, caters specifically to the most individual tastes — by creating jewelry together with his customers.

"As you can see, there are very few items actually on display — antiques, rare Judaica, as well as my own creations," says Faber, with a hint of a smile beneath his full moustache. "The jewelry that I enjoy making and selling is still in the imagination of my customers."

The task that Faber has set himself is to translate these images into noble metals. The other day, for example, a man came into the shop and explained that he wanted a gold pin to give his wife for her birthday. Since they had both recently enjoyed a trip to Holland, he thought it would be nice if the pin were a tulip, and his efforts to find one elsewhere had been unsuccessful.

Faber began to sketch a stemmed tulip, while the customer gave a steady stream of advice on size, shape, etc. "I'm a little rusty on tulips," Faber apologized, "but I'll consult an encyclopedia to get the fine details."

When the man returned the next day, Faber had prepared a sketch that any Dutchman would have admired. But the client suggested that more petals be put on the back of the flower to give it greater depth. Faber started work with a one-millimetre-thick sheet of 14 kt. gold,

Custom built



Bob Faber's jewelry that's all in the customer's mind, Douglas E. Greener reports.

the type that jewellers often buy ready-made to work with. He sometimes makes his own gold sheets by melting down old gold and

then adding the proper amount of alloy.

Faber proceeded to mill the gold sheet down on his hand press to 0.8 mm., a more convenient thickness for working into jewelry. He then cut out the pieces for the tulip and engraved lines on the leaves and the petals. The pieces were polished to a high-gloss finish before they were soldered together and once completed, the pin was polished again. The entire process took two days.

Weighing seven grams, the pin cost \$160. Faber contends that even a ready-made item of the same size cannot be found for a lower price.

While Faber was working on the pin, another customer came into the store with a large purple amethyst. She had seen examples of the jeweler's work and wanted him to mount the stone in a free-form, simple ring setting, which would hold the gem without distracting from it. Faber was able to sketch the setting she had in mind.

He began with 14 kt. gold wire, heating and drawing it through his mill several times to achieve the desired thickness. He then fashioned it to the customer's size and soldered it into a perfect circle whose seam was all but invisible to the naked eye. Two delicate wire fingers on each side formed the bezel to hold the stone.

"The gold frame must be carefully pressed and worked around the gem to hold it tightly without any glue or solder," Faber explains. "All the elements should be polished before they're put together, because afterwards you can't reach all the surfaces."

The price for the ring was \$100. The hallmark stamp of the Israel Standards Institute attested to the purity of the gold. (All gold items purchased in this country should bear this hallmark.)

Faber learned jewelry-making from his father, a Holocaust survivor who took his wife and infant son to southern California in 1949. "My jewelry on the West Coast suited American tastes," Faber recalls. "Settings were large; diamond wedding sets were massive."

Since immigrating to Israel four years ago, changes have occurred not only in Faber's life but also in his jewelry. He married a sabra, Hana, and the couple have a two-

year-old daughter, Keren. His metallic creations have become more delicate and elegant, relying more on detail and form than on size.

"I have also begun to incorporate into my work the beautiful stones of this country and the ancient coins and Roman glass that were discovered here," he says.

It is with these elements that Faber especially enjoys working with his customers. "The creations are not only unique," he declares. "They are also intrinsic parts of our land and culture."

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WE ALL get by with a little help from our friends.

Habimah, the national theatre, has a Friends Association with an office between the wings of the theatre, and the offices of the management, so they can put a finger out occasionally to test the wind direction.

The group is celebrating its fifth anniversary this week — Habimah was without "friends" for its first 60 years. The major event was a reception at the Presidents' House last week where a film in English about Habimah and about the association's activities had its premiere.

The purpose of the film is to recruit more support abroad for the theatre — professional as well as financial. Habimah already has friends associations in New York, Frankfurt and Caracas, and organization meetings are planned for London and Toronto in May.

"This is not just another group to collect money," says Ora Goldenberg, founder and chairman. "We're concerned with what a national theatre should do, what's special about it."

The Friends have renewed a programme for young people which lapsed about 30 years ago. It offers performances supplemented by behind-the-scenes glimpses at the role of a director or scene-designer or other participant in the produc-

tion. Membership is subsidized for about half the 1,000 participants.

The Friends also supplement the Omani La'am programme (Art for the People) by providing funds to take the theatre to development towns where members of the company meet workers in factories, and housewives anywhere but over a hot stove.

Other projects include scholarships to actors who are outstanding either in the art or in their willingness to work in the community, and special reduced subscription rates for adults from disadvantaged neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

The Friends themselves — over 200 couples now, says Goldenberg — pay high prices for their subscriptions and get 10 to 12 closed performances a year.

"Each bank has one or more couples in the group," she adds, "and all the banks have joined."

Habimah has been criticized for the uneven quality of performances and for preferring imported plays to the cultivation of local writers.

Though general manager Shmuel Omer insists the repertoire is about half-and-half, foreign and "Israeli or Jewish." This includes productions in the large hall, the small hall, and Habimah's, the sometime cabaret.

Goldenberg says the Friends have

Friends in need

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

no direct influence on the choice of repertoire, but they have, for instance, contributed IS100,000 for the re-opening of Habimartel and the production there of Yosef Mundi's *Messiah*.

The problem with Habimartel, says Omer, is that there is nowhere else to put the Theatre's carpentry shops. Until new workshops are built on the roof — in about a year — the prospects seem dim for experimental theatre in the belly of the establishment.

The film, produced and directed by Yoram Levy, gives quite a respectable picture of a national theatre consolidating a developing culture and going out to meet the country that supports it. But I could have done without the flashback to the Ma'arot massacre and the direct pitch to the viewers at the end.

It was Habimah's youth programme that first interested Goldenberg in theatre. She did some amateur acting, then intermittently had three children and took a law degree. She

has never practised law and says she studied partly to understand what occupies her husband, Amnon, who has just stepped down as president of the Bar Association, "34 hours a day." Now that's friendship.

THE ISRAEL Philharmonic Orchestra spent most of the month of March making friends in Japan. They were invited, all expenses paid, by the second-largest TV network, Chukyo TV, for nine concerts in six cities. Part of the first concert — which was Paul Ben-Haim's *Psalm*, Brahms' *Double Concerto* and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* — was broadcast at the time, and will be shown again in its entirety this month.

One critic, in the *Daily Yomiuri* went as far as to say that the orchestra "struck Tokyo like some force of typhoon or earthquake."

The more subdued *Tokyo Shinbun* said the Brahms and Stravinsky were characterized by "depth rather than bravura," and the

English-language *Times of Japan* said "the hallmark of these splendid musicians is their absolute unanimity and generous warmth of tone."

The IPO hadn't been to Japan in 23 years; about two-thirds of the 110 members were new this time. But, Zubin Mehta, the IPO's musical director and the conductor of all the concerts on this tour, had been to Japan four times with the New York Philharmonic, and had already amassed fans.

Avraham Meron, the IPO spokesman, who "adores" the maestro and thinks he's the "wisest propagandist" Israel has, insists that it wasn't only Mehta who made the impression this time. It was the orchestra, and the performances of four of its own soloists — violinist Uri Plianka, cellist Michael Haran, violinist Daniel Binyamini and violinist Haim Taub.

An old friend greeted the orchestra in Tokyo: Yotaka Yamagishi, a cellist who played with



Ora Goldenberg: 'We're concerned with what a national theatre should do.' (Menahem Oz)

the IPO for seven or eight years, until 1972.

He and his wife both speak fluent Hebrew, and he asked to participate in all the concerts. Since his return to Japan, he has organized a chamber orchestra, which now includes 40 musicians.

The IPO's most constant companions on the tour were members of the Makoya sect, Christian Zionists

who believe that the founding of the State of Israel was a step towards redemption.

Some came to see the orchestra off at Ben-Gurion Airport, others were on hand to welcome them at Narita. They came with banners to the concerts and sometimes bought out the first few rows, and they took three busloads of musicians on a sightseeing tour.

One highlight of the trip to Japan, says Meron, was a lavish reception given by Yamaha, the producers of musical instruments, who sponsor a scholarship programme for 600,000 Japanese children. Eight of the children were invited to perform for the orchestra — any two pieces that Mehta requested.

When everyone finished gaping, there was some talk of arranging an exchange programme with young Israelis.

Meron says he noticed many young parents with their children among the audiences. People often came with musical scores, and some brought flowers and rushed to the stage to hold them out to Mehta and the musicians at the end of the concert.

Anyone who needs some relief from all that warmth and goodwill could go back to the hotel, turn on the TV and, if he was lucky, get Archie Bunker dubbed in Japanese.

SPRING AT LAST

THE SPLENDOR of spring — flowering bulbs — will soon come to an end. First fade — first fade. The focus in the garden will change to flowering begonias, roses, carnations, marguerites, pansies, etc.

Flowering shrubs will come into their own, and we will enjoy the blossoms of *Abutilon* *sinensis*, *Genista monosperma*, *Viburnum tinus*, *Syringa vulgaris*, *Forstia suspensa*, not to mention blooming trees such as *Bauhinia grandiflora*, *Cercis siliquastrum* (Judas tree).

Geraniums in the garden, in pots and balcony containers, will also soon produce new shining flowers, which will continue to bloom until next winter.

Readers frequently ask what to do about spring flowering bulbs after their flowers fade. They could learn from the chief municipal gardener of Jerusalem. He has 100,000 bulbs to worry about. His orders are good advice for every amateur:

- Remove all seed capsules.
- Leave bulbs in the ground until their foliage and stems dry out completely.
- Feed and water withering plants as long as they show any green.
- Reduce watering gradually and stop watering and feeding when the last sign of green disappears.
- Let them dry out completely for 2 weeks.

Daffodils and narcissi may be kept in the soil for naturalisation, but it is better to lift out tulips and hyacinths at the end of May or early in June and to store them for the next season.

More cuttings. If you grow perennial delphiniums, select sturdy shoots, about 12-15 cm. long from the shooting crown and insert in pots filled with a 50:50 sand-compost mixture. Place in half shade and don't forget to water two to three times a week, according to the weather.

Garden pests. Watch out for aphids, red spider, white fly and other intruders. Spray in warm weather with malathion. Protect shoots from slugs and snails, which appear with warmer weather. Spread poisoned grains (metazone) several times in the garden.

Lawns. Remove all perennial weeds with their roots. Give sprouting grass a first cut with the mower's blades set high. Spread lawn thinly with a nitrogenous fertilizer such as sulphate of ammonia, *gofra-amon* in Hebrew. New lawns may be started now, either by planting lawn cuttings or by ordering rolls of ready-to-lay turf from a reliable supplier. Prepare site for planting or laying of turf, by heavy manuring and levelling.

Perennials for spring blooming.

Plants raised from seed last year may be planted out in soil that has been well dug and given a balanced general fertilizer like "20-20-20", *osmocote* or *organo*. Your nurseryman will provide you with a variety of perennials if you didn't grow your own.

Chrysanthemum for autumn blooming. A good amateur, this column often notes, has to plan for the future. For autumn blooming in your garden or balcony, take cuttings again and again from mums. Plant them in small containers filled with pure vermiculite and place them in half shade. After they start to grow remarkably, transplant them to their permanent location and feed and water regularly. Select the healthiest and strongest rooted cuttings for the "autumn collection" in balcony boxes or big flower pots or tins.

Vegetables. Sow radishes, parsley, cucumbers, melons, marrows and luffa (for sponges) directly where they'll mature and prepare more seed boxes for tomatoes, peppers and eggplant.

Start bean sowing during the se-

GARDENER'S CORNER

Walter Frankl



The Artichoke

cond half of April. At the same time, you can also set out seed from okra (ladies' fingers, *bamia* in Hebrew), sunflowers for eating seeds, peanuts and sweet corn.

Cultivation. Hoe between crops and lightly fork between plants in flower, vegetable and herb beds

for airing and to keep out weeds. Remove weeds also from garden paths.

Mulch acid-loving plants, such as erica, camellia, ferns and azalea with a thin layer of peat (*kavool* in Hebrew).

Earthworms. Collect earthworms by deep-digging wet spots in the garden, especially under pine trees and shrubs and transfer them to places where you are interested in strengthening the soil. Spread some dry leaves over the surface. Earthworms are night-feeders, and when they come up and go down for food, they make small holes for air and produce the best of organic manure, both essential for good root growth.

Coleus. Put seed of this decorative plant under plastic or glass cover. Water by hand-sprayer only until the seedlings become strong enough to be watered by a watering can with a rosette. Never water young coleus plants by hose or sprinkler.

Rockery. Give your rockery an over-haul. Divide and replant overcrowded plants, add some new

soil mixture between plants and rocks and eliminate weeds as much as possible. Mulch with gravel to retain moisture during spring and summer.

Globe artichoke. Nobody knows who was the genius who discovered the possibility of cooking the flower bud from a wild-growing big thistle, but gourmets are indebted to him. Globe artichoke (*Cynara scolymus*, *kiness tarbuti* in Hebrew) is a useful and decorative perennial shrub for every larger garden. It can be grown as an autumn crop, and early spring plantings have also shown good results in this country. Ask your nurseryman for suckers or perhaps your greengrocer will be able to get some side sprouts for you from his artichoke supplier.

The best potential sprouts are those with some root on them. Unfortunately, my home garden is too small to find a comfortable bed for these plants, which sometimes grow two metres high or higher. But from my planting experience in different regions in Israel, I can confirm that there is nothing hard about growing them successfully.

This is a plant with many advantages. First, its silver-grey foliage provides a living background fence and a welcome contrast to other, mostly dark-green shrubs. Then there is the pleasure of eating the

delicious flower buds or "heads." Spare some buds and they will produce beautiful purplish-blue flowers, which can be used as a long-lasting room decoration.

The homeland of this plant is a matter of controversy, but botanists believe that it is native to southern Europe and to the shores of the Mediterranean, where it has probably been growing wild for 2000 years. It is thought that Roman and Greek farmers cultivated it from a wild thistle very similar to those growing in our countryside. Pliny and Palladius described the *cynara* or *carduus* as an outstanding vegetable. It gained more publicity as a food plant in the 15th century and was introduced into Central Europe in 1548. Spanish explorers later brought it to California and other parts of the New World.

Artichokes grow well in every kind of soil, but they need sun. They are heavy feeders and require an abundance of fertilizer and organic manure, together with a good supply of moisture during their growing period. These plants need ample space, because they grow side-sprouts and broaden widely with the years. Artichokes can be left growing in the same border spot for years. I remember artichoke plots that yielded remarkable harvests after 15 years.

Wonderful choir

MUSIC

in, Percussion and Magnetic Tape; Cam Frankl; Sonata for Cello and Piano.

THIS CONCERT did not create any particular expectations, and then proved to be a highly stimulating event, one not to be missed.

Mendelssohn's sonata for violin and piano, discovered only in 1952, is rarely heard in concert halls

though proving, in all aspects, the master's worth. Yigal Tuncel and Jonathan Zak seemed to have done their homework meticulously. Not only were they in perfect rapport, but they also played with enthusiasm, allowing the music to pour itself out in a refreshing flow.

While Mendelssohn seemed to be in a lighter vein, the Beethoven demanded the full mental strength of the performers. Again the two seemed fully prepared for the chal-

lenge. The rendition was convincingly marked by spiritual concentration and depth of feeling and also introduced strong dramatic accent, which added further interest.

Avni's *Retrospective for Cello, Percussion and Magnetic Tape* is one of his best pieces in this genre. While the cello embarks on a succession of very strong, narrative statements, the tape recalls electronically transformed quotations from earlier works. The whole blends into a highly attractive and colourful soundscape. Uri Vardi's cello part had all the necessary authority and

Kenneth Krohn followed the constantly changing panorama of events with an attentive treatment of the many instruments at his disposal.

The opening movement of the Franck *Sonata for Cello and Piano* (the composer's own version of the violin sonata) disappointed: Vardi played with noticeable indifference. But with each additional movement, Vardi gained strength and confidence, reaching the last movement with excitement, which proved strongly communicative and endowed the music with real meaning. BENJAMIN BAR-AM



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(in thousand shekel)

	December 31, 1981	December 31, 1982
Capital, Reserves and Surplus	140,101	34,746
Convertible Capital Notes	28,500	28,500
Deposits	14,605,466	5,258,167
Deposits for Loan Purposes	1,381,114	598,140
Other Accounts	56,862	19,185
Acceptances, Documentary Credits and Guarantees	519,120	197,985
	<u>16,731,163</u>	<u>6,136,723</u>
Cash, Bank of Israel and Banks	6,942,475	2,556,834
Securities	2,649,546	1,117,381
Loans to Israel Government	932,131	225,179
Loans and Notes Discounted	4,171,018	1,403,216
Loans from Deposits for Loan Purposes	1,380,329	597,715
Other Accounts	56,914	9,908
Bank Premises, Equipment and Other Property	79,630	28,505
Customers Liabilities for Acceptances, Documentary Credits and Guarantees	519,120	197,985
	<u>16,731,163</u>	<u>6,136,723</u>

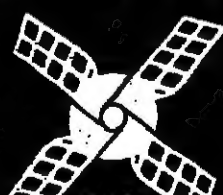
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1982

(in thousand shekel)

	Previous Year	1982
Operating Profit before taxes	51,583	37,366
Provision for Taxes on Operating Profit	2,000	19,100
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Higher turnover but no firm trend

TEL AVIV. — The bears and the bulls milled around yesterday, eyeing each other, but doing little more than raising some dust. No firm trend was discernible in the market, although the turnover did rise to stand at IS1.241 million.

Two categories, commercial banks and insurance companies, tended to rise almost all along the line. All other categories were definitely mixed, with fluctuations in a few cases of up to 10%.

One share, Kilil 1 set a record of 599 points, plunging by 4% to stand at 599 points. Some 1,031,200 shares were offered and only 862,000 were picked up, even at the drastically lower price. Kilil 5, however, fell by only one point, to stand at 325.

Two other events are worthy of special note. For the first time in a very long time the highest turnover was not chalked up by one of the commercial banks, but by IDB Development. This share, generally very sedate, rose by 108 points, or 4%, to meet a demand of 9,814,100, of which only 5,986,900 were supplied. The turnover was IS168.8m. (IDB Development is the holding company for the Discount Group).

The other event concerns Mizrahi, which has been chugging along, rising each day by six points. Yesterday it rose by only five points. Four shares were listed as "buyers only," while 66 rose by 5% to 10%. Another six were listed as "sellers only," and 46 fell by 5% to 10%.

Among those with large turnovers, which rose by 10%, were Binyan, Shilton, Yadenia 0.5, Danot 5, Ben-Yakar, Cold Storage 0.1 and

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

Technological Resources all fell by 10%.

In the commercial banking sector, the Danot-First International Bank group continued to take wing, rising from 2% to 9.7%. These shares only recently began to rise, after being in the doldrums for some time.

Among insurance companies, Hassneh, which also has been slumbering for some time and only recently began to awaken, put in a lively performance. It put to shame all other insurance companies, except Yadenia 0.5, which gained 10%.

Hassneh registered and bearer gained 4.2% and 9.1%, while the options 3 and 4 gained 8.2% and 12.4%. (It will be recalled that during January's collapse, these shares, which had been forced up by "manipulators" fell heavily).

Investment companies (except for Technological Resources) put in a fairly nice showing, with most of the shares rising. Clal Industries rose by 4.6%. Jordan even gained 13.1%, while Oz, which has had a varied career, rose by 3% to 4.6%.

Among oil companies, the picture was definitely mixed, with Delek Exploration falling by 6.3%, while the No. 1 options rose by 10%. Paz Exploration gained 3.2%, while North American lost 5.5%.

According to an information sheet published weekly by Discount

Bank, several shares should be a good buy, at least as far as their price-earnings ratios are concerned. For example, the P/E for Otzar Hashilton, Paz Exploration, and North American, was a remarkably low two, while Clal Leasing was only three, Hassneh, four, and Phoenix 0.5 was only five. And there were many with P/E ratios of six and seven.

Clal Electronics had a net after-tax profit of IS376m. in 1982, compared to IS79m. in 1981. This is a nominal (or inflationary) profit of 370%, or a real profit of 104%.

Bar-Ton announced that it has acquired two per cent of the rights as Zuk Tamrur from Lapidot, and another one per cent was acquired for it through Bank Leumi.

Supersol is to raise the equivalent of \$5m through a rights issue. Delek Exploration, which has acquired 4% of the rights in Zuk Tamrur from Lapidot. Moreover, Delek Exploration has received the exclusive rights to search for oil in a large tract in the Huleh area.

Aryl Optical Industries has decided to increase its capital from IS150m. to IS300m.

Ayit announces that it has placed a bid with the U.S. Army to supply it with 10,000 black-jackets. The results of the tender will be known only in a few months.

Most active stocks

IDB Dev. 2,820 IS168.8m. +10%
Hapolum 4,628 IS83.6m. +24%
Leumi 3,377 IS160.6m. +14%
Turnover in weeks: IS241m.
Turnover in convertibles: IS164.2m.

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Vegetable

Marketing Board

has IS557m. budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Vegetable Marketing Board has approved a IS557 million budget for the 1983/84 fiscal year, which compares to IS390m. for the previous year. The government participates in additional funding of IS70.5m. to compensate vegetable growers for losses. Of this amount IS8m. is going to potato growers.

The major part of the board's budget is made up from a levy on the sale of vegetables to the local market to industry and for export.

The board has slated IS20m. of this year's budget for the promotion of sales. An additional IS20m. will go for research and development.

JOB. — Afula is planning a campaign to attract new residents, stressing that it has over 200 vacancies for engineers, technicians, metal workers, nurses, clerks and industrial workers.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
IDB p.	65000	1,147	+1000	+1.6
IDB B	2748	1,147	+1000	+1.6
IDB B r	2748	1,147	+1000	+1.6
IDB p A	17000	1,147	+1000	+1.6
IDB op 11	2010	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Union r	2693	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Union op 4 r	9750	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Discount r	3559	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Discount A r	3559	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Discount B	2781	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Discount C	400	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi r	1151	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi B	1151	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 1	19180	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 11	2115	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 6	9620	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 7	8180	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 9	518	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 13	1554	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Mizrahi op 15	735	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum p B	6400	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum r	1408	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum B	4628	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum op 7	1554	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum op 13	2675	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum op 15	10010	1,147	+1000	+1.6
Hapolum op 16	7020	1,147	+1000	+1.6

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
General A	4430	673	+30	+0.7
General B	22800	673	+30	+0.7
General C	8900	673	+30	+0.7
General D	3176	673	+30	+0.7
General E	2377	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 4	12685	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 9	1760	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 13	444	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 15	4043	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 16	2051	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 17	2550	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 18	1820	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 19	1298	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 20	2064	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 21	264	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 22	878	673	+30	+0.7
Leumi op 23	905	673	+30	+0.7

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Adunim 0.1	1799	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.2	2345	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.3	2345	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.4	1520	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.5	815	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.6	94	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.7	1915	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.8	1265	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 0.9	740	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.0	6180	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.1	6150	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.2	1610	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.3	3000	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.4	3010	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.5	3030	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.6	3010	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.7	4681	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.8	211	28	+101	+6.0
Adunim 1.9	653	28	+101	+6.0

Financing Institution

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Shilon r	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 1	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 2	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 3	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 4	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 5	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 6	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 7	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 8	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 9	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 10	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 11	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 12	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 13	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 14	370	1385	+34	+10.1
Shilon op 15	370	1385	+34	+10.1

Insurance

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Aryeh r	1665	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 1	57800	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 2	946	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 3	1651	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 4	1820	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 5	107	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 6	3190	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 7	3415	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 8	1960	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 9	1020	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 10	699	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 11	1728	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 12	2048	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 13	1350	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 14	1090	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 15	113	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 16	2555	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 17	295	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 18	216	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 19	210	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 20	1095	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 21	233	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 22	233	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 23	233	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 24	233	216	+435	+2.8
Aryeh op 25	233	216	+435	+2.8

Industries

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Agan Chem.	604	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 1	424	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 2	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 3	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 4	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 5	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 6	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 7	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 8	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 9	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 10	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 11	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 12	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 13	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 14	475	439	-45	-6.9
Agan op 15	475	439	-45	-6.9

Services & Utilities

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Galei Zohar 1	334	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 2	161	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 3	111	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 4	500	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 5	2920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 6	2920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 7	444	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 8	245	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 9	145	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 10	920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 11	920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 12	920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 13	920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 14	920	44	-1	-0.3
Galei Zohar 15	920	44	-1	-0.3

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	%
Elron	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 1	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 2	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 3	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 4	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 5	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 6	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 7	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 8	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 9	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 10	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 11	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 12	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 13	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 14	27430	20	+260	+1.0
Elron op 15	27430	20	+260	+1.0

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The nay sayers day

PROMPTED perhaps by the murder of Dr. Issam Sartawi, King Hussein yesterday accepted the virtual veto of the PLO against his entering negotiations with Israel based on the Reagan Plan.

For his own protection, the Jordanian king had sought to obtain an all-Arab and, specifically, PLO mandate to join such talks. But he failed.

The U.S. tried to persuade him by promising to put pressure on Israel to freeze settlement. But this was no inducement for the PLO. It wanted recognition from the U.S. as its price for allowing King Hussein to talk. And it also wanted to bind Hussein from going his own way in any negotiations.

The Reagan Plan was clearly weighted in the direction of Jordan. It did not envision a separate Palestinian state, the bedrock of PLO philosophy, but rather an association between the West Bank (and Gaza) Palestinians and Jordan.

If this was too little for the PLO, it was too much for Mr. Begin, who denounced it from the beginning.

Hussein's argument that the PLO should take the plunge, for soon the process of Israeli settlement would be irreversible and there would be nothing left to negotiate, could not break through the factional differences that have stymied the PLO.

The result is a victory for Arab extremism — for Syria and the radical elements of the PLO, and, of course, the Kremlin.

That cannot be a victory for Israel, even if the government, by its lights, is pleased to see the Reagan initiative fail. For negotiations with Jordan continue to remain the only alternative to war. Blocking that option means to promote annexationism in Israel and PLO-Syrian militancy in the Arab world. There can be no peaceful solution from that deadly dialogue.

It remains to be seen, of course, whether King Hussein's dramatic step yesterday is absolutely final. That may depend on the U.S. response. President Reagan had certainly been led to believe that the Jordanian king would respond favorably to his initiative. The American officials who advised the president obviously misread the signs and misread the PLO. And by linking the appeal to Hussein with promises of an early Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, they wholly confounded and delayed the diplomatic process, losing the advantages which the U.S. enjoyed initially as a result of the Lebanese war.

Now the U.S. will have to think anew. It would be encouraging to believe that it will think better. For the diplomatic vacuum caused by King Hussein's decision must be filled.

It would also be encouraging to believe that the Israeli Government will also now rethink its ways. For ultimately it is Israel and its people that must pay the price for deadlock. But as long as the working premise is that settlement is the sole solution to the deadlock, initiative to break it can come only from others. And the prospect is that the next moves, whether by the U.S. or others, could make the Reagan Plan look good.

BITTER REACTION

(Continued from Page One)

Arens was quoted by cabinet sources as noting that the U.S. supplies vast amounts of arms to Arab countries, but had never attached political strings to these supplies.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin guided the ministers away from the idea of drafting an official statement in reaction to these two U.S. pronouncements. Instead, he said, the media would be briefed as to the sense of the cabinet debate.

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor accordingly announced after the meeting that Israel's positions regarding settlements were "known and are unchanged." Those who seek peace in the area need not be deterred by the prospect of Jews living in Judea and Samaria, Meridor said. The settlements are certainly not the main obstacle to peace, he said.

Regarding the Lebanon negotiations, Shamir spoke of further gradual progress and said an agreement was now far off.

Cabinet sources said the issue of South Lebanon militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad is still not resolved, though the Lebanese are now prepared to countenance his remaining in the security zone in some capacity. Israel is still insisting that he be made commander of the Lebanese Army "territorial brigade," which is to be deployed in the zone.

The feeling is that an accord on how to define Haddad's status and future powers is within reach. U.S. special envoy Philip Habib is due back in the area this week, and Israeli officials are optimistic that he will be able to wrap up an agreement.

There is still a good deal of doubt and concern over the Syrian reaction to an accord between Israel and Lebanon. Cabinet ministers noted Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas' warning that Syria

would reject any "Camp David-type" accord between Lebanon, Israel and the U.S.

Israel deliberately refrained from commenting on another tough statement by Tlas — that Syria is determined to attain parity of air power with Israel. This reticence, it is understood, is designed to underscore Israel's desire to avoid verbal escalation — or any other kind of escalation — with the Syrians.

Asher Wallfish adds: Minister without portfolio Ariel Sharon said the American embargo of the F-16s was not only a reflection of U.S. displeasure at Israel's continued presence in Lebanon, but was also a stick which could be used to beat Israel each time the administration charged Israel with not being flexible in the negotiations.

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman said that in view of Reagan's policy regarding settlement, an approach should be made to former vice-president Walter Mondale, a likely Democratic candidate for president, to ascertain his views on Judea and Samaria.

Begin, however, said that Israel should not interfere in America's domestic politics.

The idea of a unilateral IDF withdrawal to the Awa River in the event of the negotiations not reaching a successful conclusion appears to be gaining ground in the cabinet. The idea, which is supported by at least four ministers, is known to worry the Lebanese government and has brought about greater flexibility by the Lebanese negotiators. The four ministers, Ne'eman, Minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, Communications Minister Mordechai Zupor and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan, are expected to request a debate on the proposal in the cabinet next week.

Dead-end policies

By DAVID KRIVINE

IF A SETTLEMENT is achieved in the negotiations with Lebanon and Israel's army can at last withdraw, many people in this country will heave a sigh of relief.

Relief not only that we are out of the morass, but that those interminable bargaining sessions, which have so antagonized the world, are over.

Agreement could be achieved more easily if Israel demanded less and offered more. It would be enough to insist that all foreign forces get out of Lebanon, and stay out. Lebanon's sovereignty would then be restored in full, and Israel would gain the gratitude of a liberated neighbour and the plaudits of the civilized world.

But what if the PLO then came back, re-installing itself in Lebanon? That could be prevented — or at least seriously impeded — by a generous Israeli counter-offer. (There is no way of preventing it altogether, save by annexing the whole of Lebanon.)

The PLO can only return if the Lebanese let them. And the Lebanese would dearly like to keep them out, for reasons of their own. They can do it — if Israel advances an alternative solution to the Palestinian problem.

Suppose Israel renounces its claim to sovereignty over all Eretz Yisrael; declares itself ready to discuss the Reagan Plan and offers to talk about new borders. That would open fresh negotiating possibilities. Moderate Arab elements would hesitate — which is all that President Amin Jemayel needs. He would have an excuse for saying no to the PLO.

But if it is the PLO or nothing, Lebanon loses its freedom of action as it cannot stand up to monolithic Arab pressure.

ISRAEL'S PRESENT government does not think such a compromise necessary, or even useful, and so tries to make Lebanon comply with Israel's wishes by force. It is not enough to get the PLO and Syrians out of Lebanon territory, which the Beirut authorities would willingly agree to.

Israel must retain a military presence there, to prevent — if not the return of the Syrians — at least the return of the PLO. Israel's delegates are using every ounce of their bargaining power to wrench this concession out of Jemayel's reluctant cabinet.

If they succeed, it will be a

notable achievement. But does it solve the problem? Are we then rid of the PLO? Have we got any closer to overcoming the deadlock in Israel-Arab relations — that deadlock which is the source of the PLO's existence?

The Likud sidesteps the question and takes refuge in diminishing the importance of peace-making. It puts its faith in strength: a strong Israel can manage without peace treaties.

This view is consistent with Herut philosophy. A popular subject of discussion in my school days debating societies was brain versus brawn. Herut believes in brawn.

Hence the importance of military solutions. Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon thought he could settle the problem of Israel's northern border by destroying the PLO base in Lebanon. To a professional soldier that makes sense; but military methods belong to the battlefield. They don't necessarily work in the broader context of international relations.

The PLO base has indeed been destroyed; the PLO itself has not — and it is up to Sharon's successors to solve the problem of how to prevent the terrorists from returning after the Israeli defeat.

For depart they must — and if, after they go, the Katyushas are back shelling Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya, Menachem Begin's government will find itself in an intolerable position. "For what," the population will ask, "did our boys fight?"

That is why an enormous effort had to be made during the negotiations to create a kind of military buffer zone in Southern Lebanon. At stake is not just peace in Galilee. It is the whole justification of the Lebanese war — and also the survival of the Begin government.

THE PUBLIC SEES Likud policies as strong, Labour policies as weak and gutless. The government stands up boldly to the Arabs; the opposition yields to them. Herut will, it is being said, gain all Eretz Yisrael for the Jewish people, because it is fearless and uncompromising; Labour will readily sacrifice part of the Holy Land in a bid to appease the enemy.

Those who support Herut's policy would be right to do so if that policy led to peace, as Begin claims. But it doesn't. Whether the Jewish people is entitled to a Greater Israel, in accordance with Begin's vision, is not

the point. The point is that his objective is unattainable.

Labour is at least pragmatic, and its targets are realistic. Here lies the difference between strength and bluster. Talking big leads, as often as not, to eating one's words. Strength lies in making demands that are achievable — and achieving them.

Experience confirms what common sense suggests: that the policies which serve a country's long-term interests best are generally also those which are morally right.

This is not a coincidence. A moral policy is one that is fair to both parties. A policy that victimizes one side cannot succeed for long. The policies of Israel's extreme left are not moral because they take insufficient account of Israel's own security and other interests.

The policies of the Likud are not moral either, because they take insufficient account of Palestinian interests. They aren't it should be said — evil policies; an argument can be made in their defence.

BUT THEY will not work. The test is acceptability — and the Arabs will never accept the extension of Israeli sovereignty over all of Palestine under any circumstances.

Hawks in the right-wing camp say, "Too bad: if the Arabs won't go along with the Begin plan, it can be stuffed down their throats. Israel is powerful enough to do that. Once the Palestine Arabs realize they have no choice, they will reconcile themselves to the situation, and peace will reign."

But the hawks are mistaken. Things will not happen that way. Israel does not have the power to impose its solution on the Arabs, and to refuse all compromise means perpetuating the conflict. The upshot will be a deterioration in human relations, clashes, hatred, violence and increased cruelty.

This is happening now, under our very eyes. And it will not come to an end, for we cannot stamp out Arab resistance. The world will not let us.

This means that the policies of the present government are leading to a dead end. Israel can defy the world — and may be able to get away with it for a time. But there would be no peace, and no prospect of peace. Armed to the teeth, Israel would remain alone, baited by the enemy, isolated, friendless and with American support gradually eroding.

Dry Bones

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IS THERE AN alternative? Will the world accept the policies of the opposition Labour Party? Not at first.

Labour offers territorial compromise, something neither the Arabs nor the Jews relish. But this time the pressure is on both sides. Labour says: "We'll give, if you give." The question is how much?

Once such a question is asked, negotiation becomes possible, and that breaks the deadlock. The Israeli door is opened to a settlement. The Arab door may remain closed, and there is nothing we can do about that. If the Arabs refuse to negotiate, Israel will refuse to budge from its present positions. In that case, the problem won't admit of a solution.

But international problems do get settled eventually. Negotiation, patiently conducted, must lead to a solution of the Israel-Arab conflict, if not now, later; if not in this decade, in the next.

The solution can be said to exist already. It simply awaits discovery. An efficient computer might be able to work it out. The logic is simple: There are territories which Israel will never give up, others it may give up if the pressure is great enough — and if the prize is peace. The same logic applies to the Arabs.

Somewhere in between a line exists, representing parity between the two sides. Labour's policy is to find that parity through steady negotiation; to seek out a settlement which will ensure Israel's minimal security requirements, while satisfying the Arabs' minimal

nationalistic aspirations.

No recipe will satisfy both the Tehiya's Geula Cohen, and PLO leader Yasser Arafat. But there is a formula some where which, in the course of time, will become acceptable to non-fanatic, middle-of-the-road Israelis and their Arab counterparts. At the moment, the important point is not the formula, but the search for the formula, because that is the search for peace.

SEARCHING for peace is moral. Striving to achieve a compromise formula is moral because it recognizes that both sides have rights, and that a balance must be achieved between them. A government capable of seeking a compromise settlement of that kind — a settlement which does not sacrifice essential interests, yet does not demand the impossible — would be offering strong and mature leadership.

A government which gives up too much is weak. A government which gives up nothing, because it has megalomaniac ideas about its own invincibility, is also basically weak and immature.

Begin's present administration falls into the latter category.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

DEMOLITION ORDERS IN TEL AVIV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — The Committee of Inquiry in the Kfar Shalem shooting clearly determined that the Municipality and the Mayor did not follow a discriminatory policy in issuing demolition orders. Undoubtedly, most newspaper readers will be astonished to learn this, since they read mostly about demolitions in certain parts of the town and not in others. They do not read about the demolition of illegal buildings carried out by the municipality in North Tel Aviv, not because there is no such thing, but because it is not reported in the press.

In this connection, a whole floor of a building on Dizengoff Street in North Tel Aviv was torn down on orders of the Municipality on the day before Pessah — but it was not reported in the press.

I have no complaint in this respect, only a request: when the issue is raised in the future, please remember that demolition orders of the Tel Aviv Municipality get implemented in all parts of town, even if this is not publicized.

RONNI RIMON,
Spokesman,
Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality
Tel Aviv.

IMPAIRED ELDERLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — On behalf of the staff of Melaveh, the Community Clubs for the Impaired Elderly, Department of Geriatrics of Sha'arei Zedek Hospital, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who devote time and energy to the maintenance of our programme.

At the present, our programme operates in three locations, Givat Shaul, Kiryat Hayovel and Katamon, and serves an average of 15 clients in each of the centres. Our volunteers, who transport

patients to and from the centres, perform a valuable and rewarding service.

Due to the overwhelming demand in the community for this kind of service for the elderly impaired, it is our hope to be able to respond to this need and provide a fourth centre in the near future. Readers interested in contributing to the continued success of our programme may contact 526661, 665496 or 661524.

MARCELLA SIEGEL,
For Melaveh
Jerusalem.

YAEI DAYAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — Yael Dayan was in Columbus recently as featured speaker in an "Israel after 35 years" programme. In spite of the fact that she criticized the limited size of the auditorium, expressed dissatisfaction at the title of the programme and disappointment in general at American Jewry for not making aliyah, she was a resounding success.

It is good to report that the Dayan charisma was alive and well that night in Columbus, Ohio. We Diaspora Jews do not mind in the least being criticized by famous Israelis. In fact, it felt good. We loved it. Keep sending them to us. SIDNEY J. SILVIAN
Columbus, Ohio.

MED-DEAD CANAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — The idea mooted by Mr. Sadan, Director General of the Finance Ministry, to cancel the building of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal is the best idea he's had yet. (March 28). Far better to give our tax money to the worthy doctors than to waste it on this abortive project that will never be finished — like the Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv and Netzev Ayalon.

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